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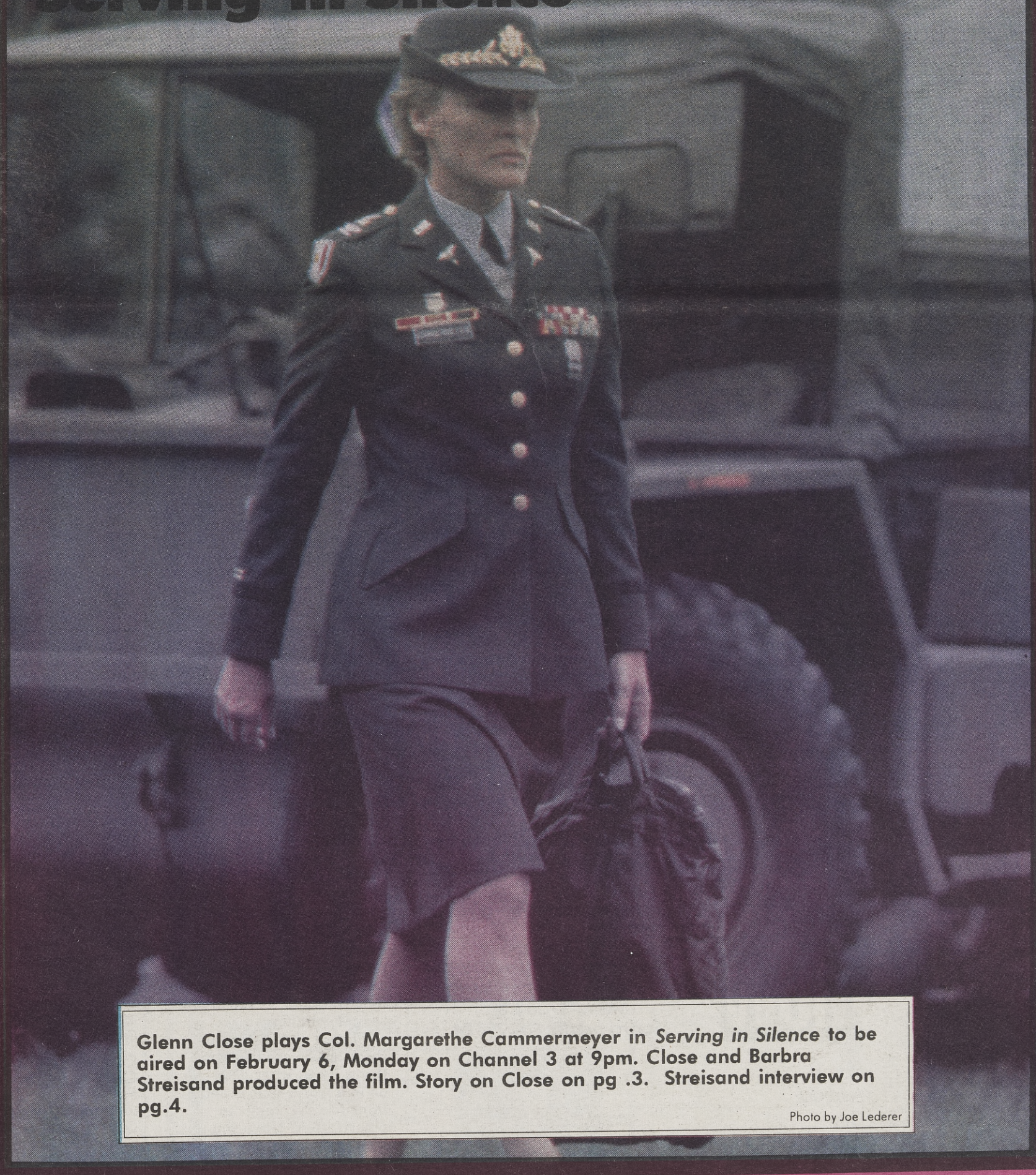

Glenn Close plays Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer in *Serving in Silence* to be aired on February 6, Monday on Channel 3 at 9pm. Close and Barbra Streisand produced the film. Story on Close on pg .3. Streisand interview on pg.4.

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Anne Frank: In the World: 1929-1945

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find information about the exhibit Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945, which will be showing through February 25 at the teen center in Davis, at the corner of Third and B. This educational exhibit focuses on the impact of discrimination, in the hope that a greater awareness will help to lead to a better world.

Enclosed also find a copy of a poem *The Rainbow Maker*, published over 10 years ago in *MGW*. The poem was originally written for the play of the same title, in which I played Anne Frank. If it seems appropriate, I would be delighted if you would run it again. *(See Art pages in this issue.)*

Thank you for your time and for all the effort you put into the newspaper. When this exhibit is over, I would really like to meet with you over coffee some time; I am planning to enter a master's degree program at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in the fall, and would appreciate your input.

Sincerely,
Rachel Hoover
Project Director
Anne Frank: In the World
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Davis, CA 95617
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SAF benefit planned

Dear Editor:

The Sacramento Kings and the Sacramento AIDS Foundation are planning a Fundraising Night on Saturday, February 18 versus the Los Angeles Clippers.

In addition to the Foundation earning the proceeds from tickets (they purchase $13 tickets for $5 and receive the difference), we are hosting a pre-game benefit reception in the VIP Lounge on the fourth floor of ARCO Arena. A buffet dinner, live jazz concert, and luxury suite ticket to the game are included in the $250 donation. Individuals who have already purchased tickets to this particular game, yet want to participate in the pre-game reception, may donate $100 to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

The Names Project Quilt will also be on display throughout the game and T-shirts will be available for purchase. Info: 928-3641.

Andrea K. Lepore
Capitol Sports & Entertainment
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Community in jeopardy

Dear Editor:

As Charlie Preston noted in a recent letter reprinted by your newspaper, the Sacramento Lesbian & Gay Town Council is no longer in existence. However, we evidently disagree on the significance of this or the factors leading to this situation. Charlie was not able to attend the final meeting and his view is not that of the Town Council.

I feel that the Town Council did not die because it is no longer needed, rather it died because our lesbian/gay community is in danger of disintegrating.

The Council was an umbrella organization for nearly 50 organizations. The leaders of these organizations meet once a month to share resources, information, and to offer various kinds of support.

This meant that our community had an enviable strength because we communicated and worked together on a variety of issues. We had the mechanisms in place to avoid duplication of efforts and to build the organizational strength to fight for our just causes.

Now, as evidenced in the demise of the Council, we are in immediate danger of losing our position of strength. Many of our groups have disbanded due to lack of leadership or membership support. In either case, our community is in serious jeopardy. If, as many have warned, we are moving toward a mean spirited attempt to deprive us of our rights, we need organization. We must maintain databases to facilitate communication, we must meet regularly to support one another, and we must formulate strategies and positions of support for the expansion of civil liberties for all.

In my tenures as Moderator of Town Council and Chair of the River City Democratic Club, I was frequently impressed with the clout and respect that our community engendered. As we crossed bridges to other communities, our ability to forge meaningful coalitions was remarkable. In Sacramento, the gay/lesbian/bi community has the ability to lead in the fight for acceptance of diversity. This is only true as long as we are organized and active. If we continue to fall victim to the malaise that is affecting our nation, if new volunteers do not come forward, we will be weakened and vulnerable as a community.

Thus, to those of us who attended the final meeting, the significance of the demise of the Town Council should not be ignored or minimized. It is a reflection that many of our groups have given up and that we are in need of new energy. Let's hope that we do not wait too long. Sacramento is an open and receptive community for now, but our friendships are only as strong as our involvement.

Sincerely,
Michael Boyd

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Connection of peace

Dear Editor:

Re: "Safeway asked to boycott Ward's Cove" and "Dear Safeway" by Boyce Hinman *(MGW, Jan. 1, 1995)*

Boyce Hinman's letters prompted me to remember what my friend Emmanuel said when asked about the connection of peace to justice in such issues as racial and sexual equality:

Peace and justice in these issues are the same thing. Then what does one do in a world that is determined to see things in polarization? Have you any idea how much struggle and effort is given century after century to balancing seeming opposites?

Those who are seeking Oneness will walk the path of justice. Do what you can to serve equality, but never for one moment believe in inequality. Within the illusion, do you know how unjust justice is? Inequity lives in history. *You* do not.!

David Gray

MGW out in the rain!

Dear Editor:

What's up with the Sacramento Food Co-Op? They put your newspaper out in the rain!!!

We've been picking *MGW* up at the Co-op for years. Where is it? They want us to walk up S Street to get it in one of those expensive newspaper stands.

The stand probably won't last two days! Some homophobic person will probably destroy it.

So what happened to the friendly, neighborhood, spot-to-be-seen grocery store? So much for co-op!!!

Wayne S. Thynor

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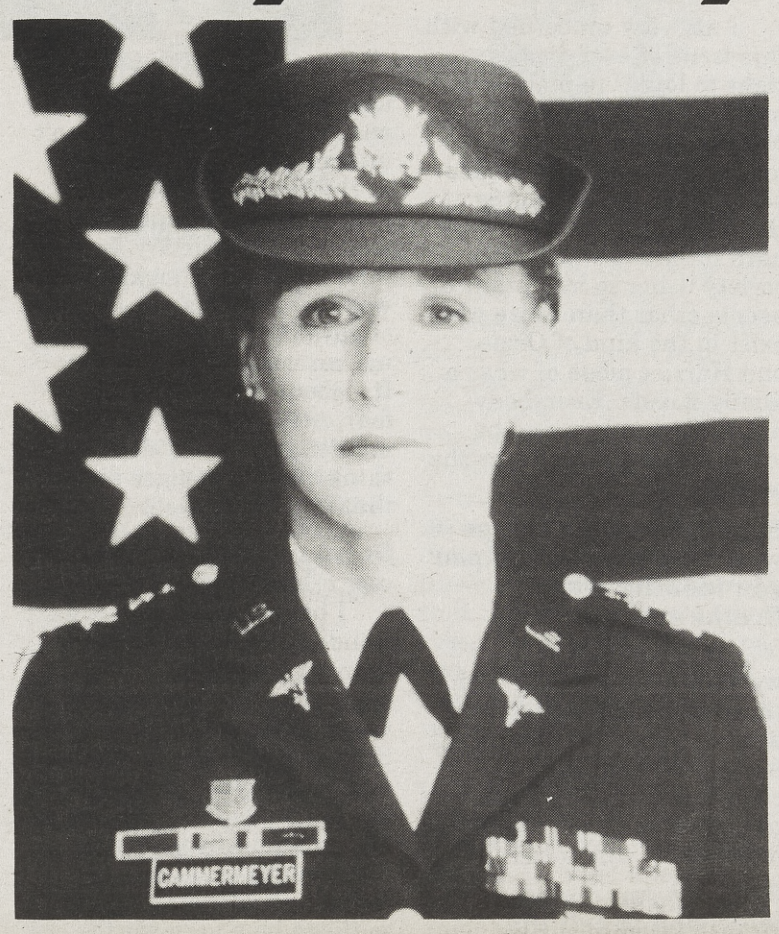
Barbra Streisand Executive produces fact-based drama about lesbian officer expelled from military

Glenn Close stars in *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story*

Five-time Oscar nominee and Tony Award winner Glenn Close stars in *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story,* based on the true story of Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, the highest-ranking officer ever to be discharged from the U.S. military because of sexual orientation. It will be telecast on NBC Monday Night at the Movies, February 6 at 9pm.

Two-time Oscar winner Barbra Streisand makes her TV-movie-producing debut as executive producer along with Close, Cis Corman *(The Prince of Tides),* and Emmy nominees Neil Meron and Craig Zadan *(Gypsy)* of the presentation from Barwood Films, Ltd., Storyline Productions, Inc. and Trillium Productions, Inc. in association with TriStar Television, Inc.

Alison Cross, writer of the Emmy-winning NBC movie *Roe vs Wade,* is the writer. Two-time Emmy winner Jeff Bleckner *(Concealed Enemies, Hill Street Blues)* is the director.



Glenn Close as Margarethe Cammermeyer in "Serving in Silence " to be aired on February 6 on Channel 3.

Judy Davis, who has received Academy Award nominations for her roles in David Lean's *A Passage to India* and Woody Allen's *Husbands and Wives,* also stars.

When Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer (Close), an Army nurse with 24 years service and a Bronze star earned in Vietnam, applied for the job of chief nurse of the National Guard in 1989 she had no idea that she was about to make history. During a top-secret security clearance interview, Cammermeyer admitted to the military that she is a lesbian -- and that simple and honest response set in motion a public battle which led to her discharge from the Army in 1992.

The truth is that the divorced mother-of-four's life began to radically change a year before her fateful admission. On July 4, 1988, when Cammermeyer and her sons were vacationing with friends in Oregon, she met Diane Divelbess (Davis), an artist from Southern California. With Diane, Grethe discovered a sense of joy and connectedness that she had never before experienced. She also came to acknowledge an important piece of the puzzle of her identity: that she is a homosexual. But it wasn't until the security clearance that the acknowledgment became public.

Caught in a media spotlight, the once intensely private soldier found herself at the front lines of a very public human rights battle, fighting to be reinstated in the military she had dedicated her life to. At risk was not only Cammermeyer's 25-year military career, but the love of her sons, the respect of her friends and colleagues and the newly discovered relationship with the first person she ever felt really understood her.▼

Streisand produces movie on Col. Cammermeyer

By Andrew Holmes
GUEST WRITER/MGW

On Monday, February 6 NBC will present a made-for-TV film entitled *Serving in Silence.* This film chronicles the life and career of Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer. It is produced by Barbara Streisand and stars Glenn Close as Colonel Cammermeyer and Judy Davis as Cammermeyer's partner, Diane.

Colonel Cammermeyer is SLDN's national co-chair and is the highest ranking officer to challenge the military's gay ban. A highly decorated veteran, she is challenging her discharge as Chief Nurse of the Washington State National Guard. In July, she was ordered reinstated by a federal district court judge but the Clinton Administration has subsequently appealed this ruling.

To celebrate this historic film, SLDN is coordinating *Serving in Silence* viewing parties around the country on February 6th. I am opening my home to host such a viewing party with the goal of raising $500 to $1000 to benefit SLDN. I am also asking interested attendees to join with me in forming an area development committee for SLDN. This committee would serve as a potential host committee for a larger fundraising event sometime in the future. The viewing party at my home will occur on February 6th, commencing at 8pm for pre-film socializing, book buying, coffee and desserts.

We are working to arrange for a bookstore from our community to bring in copies of Colonel Cammermeyer's book, *Serving in Silence,* and other related books to sell at the event. Efforts to procure one or two autographed copies of *Serving in Silence* for auctioning are in the works. Members from different services have been invited to attend and be available to answer questions about serving in the military under the new policy. And of course, I will be glad to update you about my own legal challenge to the ban.

Contributions are not required, but they are requested. SLDN is a non-profit organization. Your contributions of $15, $20, $25 (or whatever you can spare) are tax deductible. Checks may be made payable to the Service Members Legal Defense Network. RSVP: Lt. Andrew Holmes, 454-5626.▼

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Barbara Streisand, executive producer, talks about television, Grethe and her passion for the issue

Glenn Close and Barbra Streisand.

What was your personal reaction to this case?

I've always believed in telling the truth, and I've found throughout my own career, that always got me into trouble. It reminds me of a line from Shaw's play, *Saint Joan,* which says "He who tells the truth shall surely be caught." By Grethe's telling the truth, she was caught. That's what is so unjust to me, that the truth should get you into trouble..

At what point did you decide that you wanted to make a film about this story?

As soon as I read it. It's just so unjust. We need every capable citizen to participate in this country's military. The fight here is about a person's right to die for his or her country, and it's so absurd that the issue has become about who is gay and whether or not they can defend their country.

How would you describe Grethe Cammermeyer?

I have great admiration for Grethe (pronounced Greta), who served honorably in the military for 26 years with an unblemished record, and had the courage to fight back when she was dismissed from the Army for being a lesbian.

Was it difficult to get this film made?

I think the networks were a little worried at first, but NBC came through, and TriStar was really good about getting it done right away.

What do you think Glenn Close brings to this role?

Dignity, intelligence, presence, integrity. All the things that Grethe has.

How do you feel about where we stand now with the law and the military because of this case?

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is something I don't like, but it has advanced the cause a bit because the law was so unconstitutional that it has forced cases like Grethe's and Keith Meinholt's and Joe Stefan's to come into the news and into the courts and be declared, so far, unconstitutional. Of course we don't know what will happen when the cases come before the Supreme Court. I think, in a way, we are backward in this country, because with all the countries that have integrated military - countries like Australia, Canada, Israel, France, Belgium, Sweden, Norway - without problems, why can't it work here? That's why each of us who cares about issues like this have to do a little part in some way to change it.

Was it a challenge to show that these people are not unlike everyone else?

I am very concerned with this issue of everybody's right to love. I'm making a movie about it called *The Normal Heart,* which is a love story between two men set against the beginning of the AIDS epidemic. It's very hard for me to watch this society being so intolerant to people other than those who exist in the kind of Ozzie and Harriet mode of what a family means. Everybody has a right to love and be loved by whomever he or she wishes.

Have there been things in your own life that helped you identify with Grethe's story?

As a Jew and as a woman, I can identify with those who have struggled against other's intolerance. I feel a moral obligation to continue to fight against prejudice on behalf of all members of this society.

Why did you choose television to tell the story?

Because we have the opportunity to reach millions of people. If we can help change some viewer's opinions, make them less frightened of something they don't understand, if they can look at this story and feel compassion and perhaps even anger at the military for this injustice, then it makes it all worthwhile. This whole issue of gays in the military is, to me, an issue of civil rights. It's about discrimination, fear, prejudice and narrow-mindedness, and I don't think there is a place for that in a just society.

Do you think that people use television to learn?

I believe television is a wonderful medium. I think there is a lot of learning being done on television. I watch PBS, C-SPAN and in this case, I would certainly watch this NBC show. Pieces like *And The Band Played On* also have been wonderfully creative and informational and educational, and so it can be a very worthwhile medium.

What was Grethe's first reaction when you approached her about making the movie?

If I remember correctly, when I first said "Do you want your life displayed on television?" she said "No." Then we talked about it and Grethe was very complimentary in terms of trusting us to tell her story with dignity and honesty.

What do you hope comes out of this?

What I would like to happen is for people to identify with these people in the story, because we are really all so alike. We feel, we cry, we're joyous, we want children, we want to be happy, we want to be loved, we want to be respected, and no matter what someone's sexual orientation is, that doesn't change. We are basically more similar than different. By telling this story, it hopefully will erode some of the stereotypical views about what gays and lesbians are like. We're all in this together - we're all just humans.▼

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Mom's Best of 94!

By Christopher Solis
MGW Food Editor

In this issue we'll be wrapping up Mom's Best of 94! The response of the last issue, indicates that our selections were *right* on the money. With the exception of "one" Queen giving me the business about the *length* of my disclaimer (Well she'll get over it...or she won't). We hope you'll also agree with the following:

Mom's Best Vegetarian

I'd better not get this one wrong. I live with a very "opinionated" vegetarian, and if I make less than a perfect selection, I'll hear about it until the Mom's Best of **95** issue. J. Tennis thought the *Good Earth* (Great choice J.) and Julie Weckstein said *Greta's,* but in the end the overwhelming response and my personal favorite...*Mum's.* Great variety, (Exclusively Vegetarian) and a comfortable atmosphere combine to make this one a "Natural" selection. Look for a write-up in an upcoming issue of the *MGW.*

Honorable Mentions
Good Earth
Sunflower Drive-in
Sacramento's Natural
Food Co-Op Cafe

Mom's Best Mexican/ Taqueria

Yum. Some of us are Mexican Food Fanatics. While some choose their favorite on price or taste, others base their opinion strictly on "authenticism". True, much of what we may see in Mexican restaurants today may be snubbed, by some, as "not real" Mexican food, but save your call. I like what I like, and although I'm the first to "appreciate" authentic south of the border style cuisine, that isn't the *only* yardstick to measuring great Mexican food! Janice Eastburn thought *Vallejo's*. Excellent Choice Janice! JoAnn Milligan said *Caballo Blanco.* Hmm...*definitely* an authentic Sacramento tradition. In the end we agreed with Margaret Gingrich (Oh Girl, I hope your not *related*!) who proclaimed *Ernesto's* the Best in the land!

Honorable Mentions
Dos Coyotes
El Novillero
Vallejo's
Kico's
Taqueria Loco
The "524"

Mom's Best Hamburger

Well now, this category is filled with the most *"Pretenders"*. Many places *claim* to have great hamburgers, and these days, where **can't** you get one? They're on every menu from an Italian restaurant I frequent to a Chinese establishment I visited the other day. There must be an unwritten rule somewhere that if you're dragged to a restaurant, serving food you don't like, "DON'T WORRY", there's a *burger* on the menu. Certainly this, "Throw-it-on-the-menu-cause-everybody-likes-it" approach dilutes the quality of this once great sandwich, doesn't it? Well, there are still many great places to enjoy this last hold out on political correctness (Read: FAT CONTENT). There were those who sent in names of their favorite restaurants serving "No-low-fat-aint-got-no-meat-made-o-nuts-topped with fake cheese" burgers. "Mary Pleeeze! Uh huh. NOT, while I have a notch on my BELT left!" We're looking for some *real* meat here! Or, *don't even* be trying to tell me that "Micky D's has got this great, two for ninety-nine cents special, going on", cause it *aint going on*! Shawn Hansen told us that *Ford's* was the best. Chris Whitaker disagreed, noting that the *Squeeze Inn* serves up the best patty in town. And, for those willing to seek far and wide, Carrie Rice said *Murder Burger* (In *Davis* no less. *Girl* does go far for a *burger* doesn't she?) This category had the most *diverse* voting, but when the dust settled, we choose *Nation-Wide Sandwiches* as the Best Burger in town!

Honorable Mentions
Ford's
Squeeze Inn
Jasper's
Sunflower Drive-in
(Vegetarian Only)

Mom's Best OVERALL

OK. So here we are. I know you have been waiting. Most of you probably *rushed* to the newsstand *just* to read who wins *this* category. It was not an easy choice. The sheer numbers of restaurants make the job staggering. But, when you consider such things as good food, decor, value and price, location, and service it came down to one choice, and for Mom's Best we select *ANDIAMO!*, located on Folsom Blvd. just east of Alhambra. We'll tell you why in an upcoming issue, but for now it's enough to know that *ANDIAMO!* is the toast of Sacramento! Enjoy!▼

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Association forms to meet needs of gay/lesbian pilots

At its initial meeting on November 27, 1994, the Board of Directors of the National Gay Pilots Association (NGPA) announced its formation as a not-for-profit national association to meet the unique needs of gay and lesbian aviators across the country. The association is headquartered and incorporated in Washington, D.C.

Goals of the NGPA are to educate pilots about the civil/job rights of gay and lesbian aviators, aviation career choices for gays and lesbian pilots, safe flight procedures, and to provide a supportive network for all aviators.

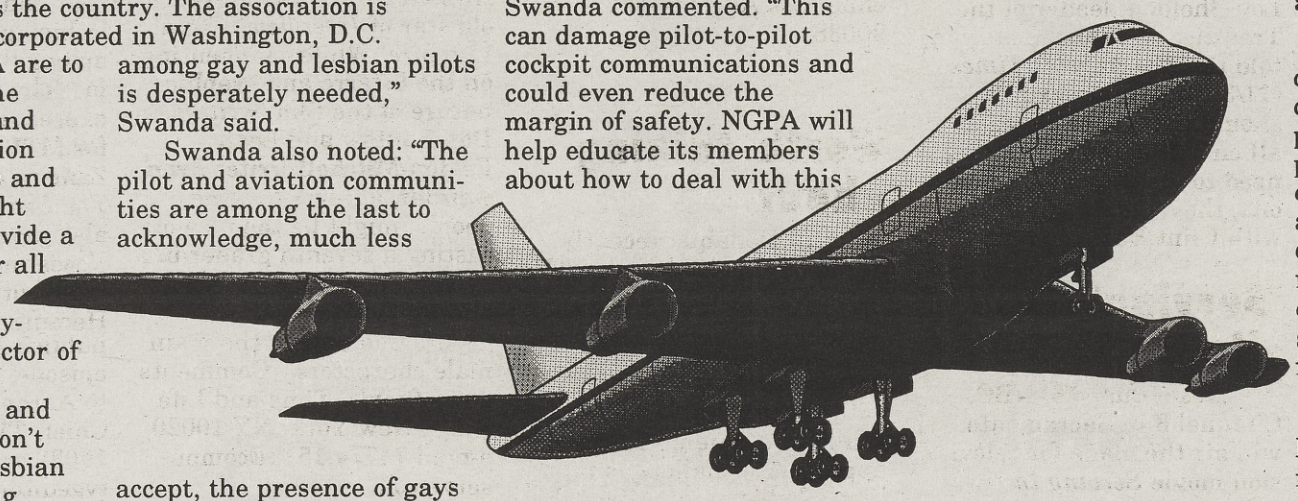
Ron Swanda, newly-elected Executive Director of the NGPA said, "Most people, including gays and lesbians themselves, don't realize that gay and lesbian pilots are already flying throughout the industry, including airlines, corporate aviation and general aviation. It is not unusual for us to receive letters from new members exclaiming how, before they learned of the NGPA, they believed they were the only gay or lesbian pilot in the country."

"Through our national magazine, and by hosting regional and national events, the NGPA will help correct the misperception that gays and lesbians in aviation are alone. Better networking among gay and lesbian pilots is desperately needed," Swanda said.

Swanda also noted: "The pilot and aviation communities are among the last to acknowledge, much less accept, the presence of gays and lesbians. For example, NGPA recently received an anonymous letter from an alleged group of airline pilots, along with several carefully cut-out, pink paper triangles, which said, 'Why don't you just wear these instead of wings! Death to Fags!!'

"In another instance, *Flying*, a widely read aviation magazine published by Hachette Magazines, Inc., recently refused to carry a paid 'classified' advertisement about the NGPA."

"Many gay and lesbian pilots are confused with the homophobia of other pilots or company management," Swanda commented. "This can damage pilot-to-pilot cockpit communications and could even reduce the margin of safety. NGPA will help educate its members about how to deal with this homophobia in a manner which encourages healthy cockpit communication and enhances the margin of safety."



Other NGPA activities include distribution of Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board safety materials and a video loner-library of aviation safety programs. In the near future, NGPA will also establish a scholarship fund for gay and lesbian pilots beginning an aviation career.

The National Gay Pilots Association is the successor of the Gay Pilots Association (not incorporated), first organized in 1991. The NGPA currently has over 400 members in 45 states and five other countries.

NGPA members receive a "glossy" quarterly magazine which includes color photos, safety articles, profiles of gays and lesbians in aviation, reports of recent and upcoming events, cartoons, job listings and lists of pilot/aviation contacts across the country.

NGPA membership is open to anyone, including commercial pilots, corporate pilots, general aviation pilots, student pilots, managers, flight attendants and aviation aficionados. Annual dues are $35, and a special rate of $10 per year is offered for full-time college students or full-time Certified Flight Instructors

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MEDIA WATCH

By Al Kielwasser
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Basic Instinct: The sequel?

Director Paul Verhoeven and screenwriter Joe Eszterhas, the men who brought us *Basic Instinct*, are the "creative" force behind Carolco studio's feature film *Showgirls*. Described as "an erotic, exotic, and often gritty expose of life behind the scenes on the (Las Vegas) strip," Showgirls follows Nomi Malone, a young woman thrust into a world where "friends are few and obstacles are many." Among the "obstacles" Nomi confronts is a lesbian villain. The script synopsis describes Nomi being stalked by Cristal, an evil, back-stabbing, cocaine-addicted lesbian. Concerns can be shared with Director Paul Verhoeven, Producers Alan Marshall and Charles Evans, and Co-producer Joe Eszterhas, *Showgirls, c/o* Carolco Studios, 8800 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069, 213-850-8800.

Lifesaving television

A recent episode of *My So-Called Life* (ABC) included a storyline in which teenager Rickie Vasquez is forced from his home because of his sexual orientation. Wilson Cruz, the 20-year-old actor who plays Rickie, says that storyline is based on his real life experiences; his father asked him to leave home just before Christmas in 1993. Currently, *My So-Called Life* is the only network television program that features a recurring role model for gay teens. Unfortunately, ABC has announced that as of January 26, the series has been placed on hiatus and might not be renewed next fall. Write Randi Cohen, ABC Productions, 2020 Avenue of the Stars, 5th Floor, Century City, CA 90067, 310-557-6901. Marshall Herskovitz and Ed Zwick, Executive Producers, *My So-Called Life,* Bedford Fall Co., 409 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

No apologies necessary!

The right wing, homophobic "Concerned Women of America" has begun a phone zap of Macy's department stores for advertising in *The Advocate*. Let Macy's know that no apologies are necessary and to continue to support lesbian, gay and bisexual publications. Call 212-695-4400 (and press "1", then "0") or write Macy's 151 West 34th St., New York, NY 10001, ATTN: Executive Offices. Copy to *The Advocate,* 6922 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028, ATTN: Editorial.

(Un)sound bites

Complaining about the apparently increasing number of lesbian/gay/bisexual roles on television, Lou Sheldon, leader of the Traditional Values Coalition, told the *Los Angeles Times* (11/3/94): "Homosexuals should not be portrayed at all on TV. If young males need to identify with someone, they should identify with Clint Eastwood."

"Serving" isn't silenced

On February 6, NBC, Channel 3 in Sacramento, will air the made-for-television movie *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story.* This biopic tells the true life story of a Colonel who was discharged from the U.S. military when she stated she was a lesbian. A group calling itself the "Family Defense Fund" recently initiated a campaign to halt the showing of a lesbian kissing scene. Members were instructed to call NBC and demand that the network censor any visible signs of lesbian love. However, a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual community groups got wind of this attempt, and succeeded in sending a different message to NBC. The network received a rush of supportive calls, and, as a result, promised that it would not censor or edit the kiss. Send comments to Warren Littlefield, President, NBC Entertainment, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, CA 91523, 212-664-2333.

Strange new worlds

Before he died, the creator of *Star Trek* and *Star Trek: The Next Generation,* Gene Roddenberry, had promised that lesbian, gay and bisexual characters would be a routine part of the *Star Trek* universe. To date, lesbians and gays have been absent from the otherwise diverse world of *Star Trek.* This situation could change with the advent of the latest *Star Trek* spin-off, *Star Trek: Voyager.* The new TV series premiered in January. Encourage the show's producers to finally go where no *Star Trek* series has gone before. Write to Rick Berman, Michael Pillar, and Jeri Taylor, producers, *Star Trek: Voyager,* Paramount, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

Worth talking about

Phil Donahue recently devoted an episode of his TV talk show to lesbian/gay/bisexual teens "Gay Teens in a Straight World." This urgent subject was treated with exceptional quality. While Donahue made the appropriate challenges to homophobic assumptions, he primarily let the lesbian/gay youth tell their own stories. Overall, the broadcast sent out a much-needed picture of kids who are resilient, powerful, eloquent, and queer. Send encouraging feedback to Patricia McMillen, Executive Producer, *Donahue,* NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10012.

Directory assistance

"You are Not Alone" is a directory of more than 200 organizations serving lesbian, gay and bisexual youth. For ordering information, contact "Directory," Hetrick-Martin Institute, 2 Astor Place, 3rd Fl., New York, NY 10003.

Homophobic bite

People magazine recently ran a news bite about Kirsten Dunst, the 12-year-old star of *Interview with a Vampire.* While commenting on the bizarre and graphic nature of the film, writers Dan Santow and Leah Feldon-Mitchell write: Even weirder, at least to some people, might be the idea of casting a seventh grader in a move that drips with blood and hints at homoerotic interaction among the main male characters." Comments go to *People,* Time and Life Bldg., New York, NY 10020, e-mail 74774.1513@compuserve.com.

Good cheer

In its December 24 issue, *TV Guide* featured a cover story on "The Year in Cheers and Jeers." *TV Guide's* year-end list included two lesbian/gay references among its reasons to "tune in." The magazine's editors expressed "Real admiration for MTV's choice of Pedro Zamora as an inhabitant of *The Real World.* The editors also gave a "Cheer" to Roseanne for "playing kissy-face" with Muriel Hemingway in the much-publicized "lesbian kiss" episode. "Cheers" can be sent to Anthea Disney, Editor in Chief, *TV Guide,* Radnor, PA 19088 or e-mail tvgeditor@delphi.com.

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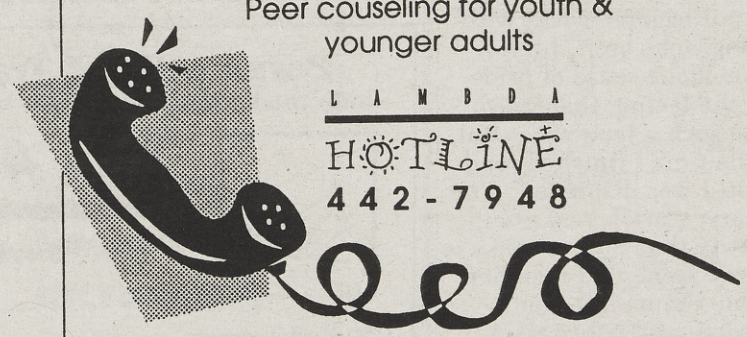

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Voices worth listening to

by Jennifer L. Selig
MGW/staff

***Hearing Us Out: Voices from the Gay and Lesbian Community,* ed. Roger Sutton. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1994, 128 pp., $16.95 hardback.**

It seems that the straight publishing world is finally catching on to the business possibilities of marketing gay and lesbian books. Little, Brown and Company, a well-reputed publishing house, has just released a lovely book aimed at providing role models for gay teenagers. (Ironically enough, Little, Brown is also responsible for the imminent release of O.J. Simpson's book *I Want to Tell You.* President Charles E. Heyward explains that book by saying "As publishers, I think we have a responsibility to publish a broad spectrum of opinions and points of view." Thankfully, he sees that responsibility as extending past hearing out one alleged murderer and into more encompassing social issues.) The importance of books tailored to an audience of gay teens cannot be underestimated: as Ana M. Martinez Aleman points out in her review of *Two Teenagers in Twenty: Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth* in the Winter edition of The Lesbian Review of Books, a theme oft-repeated in stories by gay youth is turning to books to find their identity. Aleman writes, "It seems, then, that providing young teens with the opportunities to explore positive lesbian and gay life in the pages of books, magazines, and instructional resources is critical for their development."

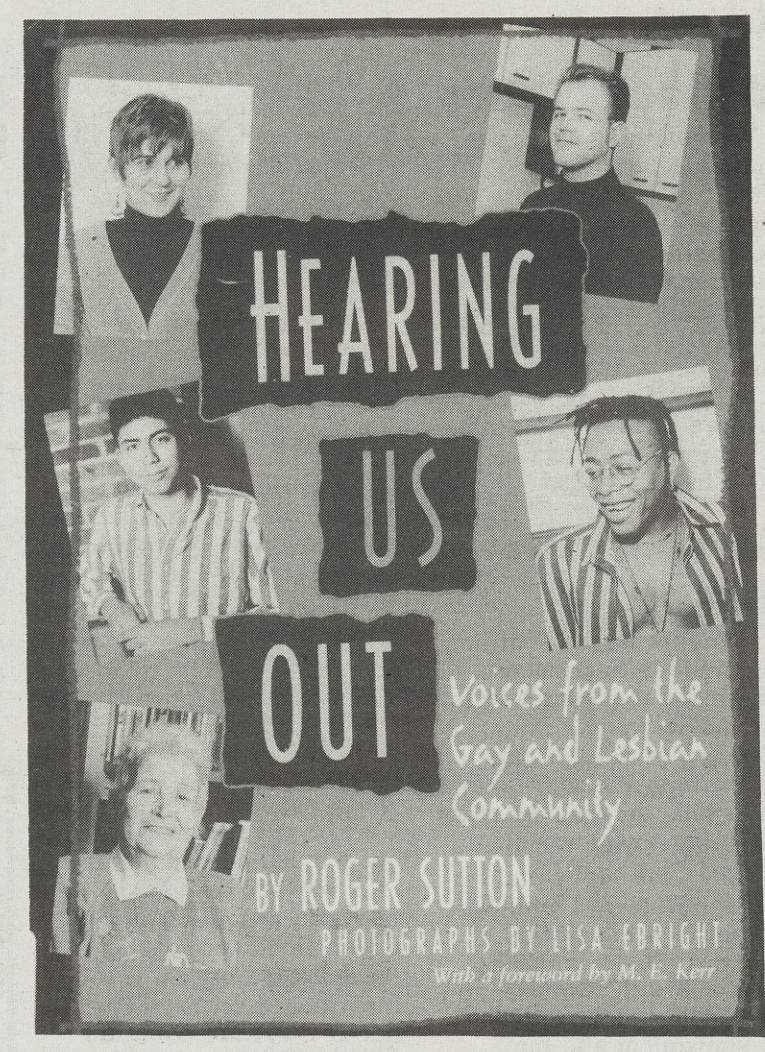
The book *Hearing Us Out: Voices from the Gay and Lesbian Community* provides youth just that opportunity. Editor Roger Sutton has put together an anthology of 15 interviews, 17 with gays and lesbians and 2 with straights. Sutton's strengths in selection and inclusion are in the gender and age of the people interviewed: nearly half of the interviews are with women, and all age groups are represented. Weaker aspects include the lack of any disabled people interviewed, the preponderance of middle-class people from the author's hometown of Chicago, and, while there is great diversity in the race of the men, the women all appear to be white. The interviews range from six to eight pages, and most are edited to read like a personal narrative, which sometimes makes them lack cohesion and flow.

What sets this book apart from the above-mentioned *Two Teenagers in Twenty* (see my review in January 1st issue of *MGW*) is that while the audience for both is gay and lesbian youth, the contributors are not all youth themselves. In his introduction, Sutton states his two reasons for including a majority of interviews with adults: "I wanted to show teenage gays and lesbians in particular that life goes on past junior-high humiliation and high-school ostracism" and "I wanted a book that would show a greater range of experience, from a fifteen-year-old to a grandmother, and include people who are living though some of the headline issues facing the gay and lesbian community today; AIDS, the military, gay parenting, and an actively hostile adversary in the religious right." (xiv).

Indeed, what is remarkable about this book is the range of experiences represented. There is an interview with an openly lesbian police officer in Chicago who helped form the Lesbian and Gay Police Association. There is an interview with Terrence Smith, an African American drag queen who ran for president in the 1988 elections on the Queer Nation ticket. Yvonne Zipter, author of *Diamonds Are a Dykes Best Friend,* talks about the lesbian softball phenomenon. Also interviewed are a former member of the military, a man with AIDS, a straight father and his gay son, a Presbyterian minister, and a lesbian couple who have adopted two children. Social services agencies are represented with, among others, two people who work with gay and lesbian youth through Chicago's Horizons program, and a feisty straight woman who is Chicago's AIDS commissioner.

Also setting this book apart from many other coming-out and narrative style books is the pictures. One or two full page glossy photos accompany almost every story, beautifully photographed by Lisa Ebright. Sutton writes about his decision to include pictures, "When you feel like you're 'the only one,' as so many gay kids do, it helps to see the faces of others 'like you'" (xiv). The pictures add yet another dimension: shattering stereotypes of what "dykes" and "fags" look like.

Wrapped around the actual interviews are some interesting appendages, including a list at the end of the book of recommended fiction and non-fiction, and names, addresses and phone numbers of community resources. The foreword is written by young adult author M.E. Kerr, who discusses the importance of the book. "As I read *Hearing Us Out: Voices from the Gay and Lesbian Community,* I thought of what this book might have meant not just to someone like me, growing up gay, but also to a parent like my mother, who was not that different from many of her time. If only there had been literature for her to read, besides the heavy and pathetic *Well of Loneliness.* If only she had some confirmation that this blight on our family was not as rare and terrible as she believed it was" (ix).



Sutton makes it clear in his introduction that the primary audience for the book is young adults, but the jacket cover is more inclusive: "It is for the straight brother, friend, daughter, or neighbor because it inspires compassion and insight and helps the straight world better understand that gay people are 'just like me' but that they also have a culture and community all their own." Sutton stresses the saying that the personal is political, especially for gays. He writes that the point of view that treats gays exactly like straights except for the sex of their lovers is "well meaning but unintentionally demeaning, because it takes away from gay people their history, stories, and--most politically damaging--their sense of themselves as a group" (xiii).

And therein lies my only problem with the book. When I first saw the beautiful multicolored cover with photographs on it, I felt a tremendous sense of pride and the feeling that we've come such a long way. But by the time I finished reading it, I was dispirited. The history, stories, and group identity that Sutton seeks to convey seem held together by one common thread: personal and political oppression. It was no particular story that saddened me, but bits and pieces of every one, like the fact that the two moms had to go to Peru to adopt their children because their state wouldn't allow that right to lesbians, or that the gay minister needed to leave his childhood church behind because of its attitudes towards gays.

I worry about gay and lesbian youth reading this book and feeling the same way, this sense of heaviness about the multitude of ways in which we are still oppressed. Over and over again I have heard youth speaking about their fears of being gay in a world that doesn't honor homosexuality, knowing the oppression their choice to come out will bring them. The book does have some hopeful stories about how time brings change and often acceptance, and for those of us who have been around for awhile, we can read them and say how far we have come. But for youth struggling with their sexuality now, it does little good to tell them how much easier it is for their generation, how much harder it was 20 years ago, and how time may heal the hurt they feel. What matters most to them is the present, and what the book points out is the plentitude of problems gays and lesbians in all stages and situations of life still face.

But, as they say, that's life, and I am certainly no advocate for sheltering youth from the difficulties of the life ahead of them. I realize my problem is not so much with how the book realistically presents the world as it is with the world the book realistically presents. I am impatient to offer something better to our youth, a road less oppressed, a road more freely and gaily traveled. But until then, it seems that the least we can do is provide our youth with a road map, a travel guide to both the problems and the possibilities that may lay before them in the life they will lead, and this book certainly offers that. And in terms of increasing our visibility and decreasing the ignorance among many of the remaining 90% of the world, this book provides a diversity of voices to help hear us out.▼

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By Bill Watson
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Entire AIDS quilt in D.C.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be in Washington, D.C. on Columbus Day weekend in 1996, and will be the fifth showing of the entire Quilt in Washington, D.C. since the NAMES Project's inception in 1987. The Quilt has increased 14 times in size, from 1920 three-by-six foot panels in 1987, to its current size of more than 28,000 memorials. By the time of the display in 1996, the Quilt will include as many as 50,000 panels and cover more than 32 acres. In order to fit the entire Quilt onto the grounds, it will cover all the Mall from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial. Info: 415-882-5500.▼

Three month California walk now organizing

Initial organizing is underway for the California AIDS Walk 1995 (CAW). This 850 mile walk will begin June 1, in Laguna Beach and will conclude at the State Capitol in Sacramento on August 31. The CAW is a walk of outreach and education, through daily contact with hundreds of people in the course of the day's walk route. A large scale action like this takes an incredible amount of organization. If you would like to help, or if you would like walker and route information: 916-535-5067.▼

Sweden approves gay marriages

The Swedish Parliament passed a gay/lesbian same sex marriage law that took effect January 1, 1995. As with Denmark and Norway legislation, all legal rights that heterosexuals have recognized except church marriages and adoptions. Hans Jonsson and Sven-O-lov Jansson became the first Swedish couple to marry under the new law. The Netherlands is soon expected to be the fourth country to approve lesbian and gay partnerships.▼

Alcoholics Anonymous Roundup scheduled

It has been announced that May 27-29, 1995 will be the date for the 10th Annual AA Roundup hosted by the Southern California Gay & Lesbian members of Alcoholics Anonymous, with Al-Anon participation. The conference will be at the Westin-Bonaventure in Los Angeles. Info: 213-549-5364.▼

NGLTF joins Rainbow Coalition in national meeting

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) participated with dozens of other organizations in a National Leadership Meeting to assess the new political terrain of the Republican-controlled 104th Congress. NGLTF was a co-convener of the meeting titled "Defending the Family." The January strategy session was sponsored by the National Rainbow Coalition and was led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Other organizations included the American Civil Liberties Union, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Urban League, National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and many labor unions.▼

Lesbian Health Fund continues tradition of awarding historic grants

The Lesbian Health Fund (LHF) has awarded research grants to two important researchers who will be investigating factors that may impact the physical and mental health of lesbians. Selected are: "Stress, Behavioral Risk Factors, and Physical and Psychological Health Outcomes in Lesbians" and "Promoting Lesbian Health: Measuring Preventative Health behaviors and Improving Health Care Access." Grant reviewers use a rigorous scientific process to select these grant recipients," said Patricia Robertson, MD, who has led the grant review committee. Info: 415-255-4547.▼

Forum announces National Black Lesbian and Gay Conference.

On February 16-20, the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum will hold "Black Lesbians and Gays: Our Families Make a Difference," highlighting the positive and diverse family structures of African American Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender communities. Info: 213-964-7820.▼

Hostility toward gays increasing

Political and community leaders continued to discriminate against homosexuals last year, trying to pass legislation to deprive them of civil rights and seeking to remove gay-positive books from schools and libraries, according to a report by a liberal advocacy group, entitled "Hostile Climate" documents 134 incidents of what it termed anti-gay activity in 37 states and the District of Columbia. The group counted statewide anti-gay ballot initiatives; federal or state legislative battles; court decisions; local ordinances; education-related activity; censorship; and miscellaneous incidents related to public policy. "Popular hate-filled rhetoric commonly used by religious right leaders is breathing life into a broad range of anti-gay policies and personal attacks," said Arthur J. Kropp, president of People

Proposed African Network

An African living in Romania has proposed a network of African Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals in order to raise the consciousness among members of the gay community. The Network would seek to reach out to more of the continent by collecting and dispatching information, creating the possibility for African gays, lesbians, and bisexuals to be able to relate to homosexuality or bisexuality as part of their own culture. Write to Yves Nya Ngatchou, Aleea Valea Viilor 1, Bloc M34 Ap 41, Sector 6 Bucharest, Romania.▼

Spanish cities recognize same-sex couples

Valencia, Spain is one of the many Spanish cities that have passed laws recognizing both homosexual and heterosexual couples who live together outside of marriage. Other cities approving the registration of "Stable Unions" include Vitoria, Badalona, Getafe, Leganes, Barcelona, Cordoba, Granda and 20 other cities. The recognition is based on the constitutional protection of equality under the law and the free development of the personality. Same-sex couples are specifically included.▼

Court petitioned to legalize homosexuality

In India, a straight and gay AIDS group, ABVA, has filed a petition in the Delhi High Court challenging Section 377 under Article 226 of the Indian Constitution. Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code that makes homosexuality a crime with a possible life sentence upon conviction.▼

Asian lesbian conference scheduled

The Third Asian Lesbian Network (ALN) Conference has been scheduled for August, a week before the 1995 Women's Decade Conference in Beijing, China. The ALN Conference will be held in Taiwan with two phases: Phase 1, discussing organizational matters. Phase 2, workshop and training retreat. The conference is open to all lesbians from Asia and of Asian origin. Info: ALN-Taiwan Box 7-760, Taipei 106, Taiwan, R.O.C.▼

Third gay man found dead in Mississippi

The body of a third gay man was discovered December 11, just two months after the brutal killings of two gay men in Laurel. In a letter sent to Attorney General Janet Reno, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Executive Director Melinda Paras updated the Department of Justice on the latest killing and reiterated NGLTF's ongoing request for a DOJ investigation. In a November response to previous requests for DOJ intervention, Assistant Attorney General Deval Patrick wrote that while the DOJ continues to monitor developments related to the murders in Jones County, federal intervention was not possible on the basis of sexual orientation.▼

3000 marriages in Denmark

"Entiendes ...?" of Madrid, Spain reports that over 3000 gay and lesbian couples have registered their marries in the Danish Civil Register. This gives them all the same legal rights as heterosexuals, except the right to adopt children, which should eventually be adopted by all countries that legalize homosexual unions.▼

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By Chief Arturo Venegas, Jr.
Guest Writer/MGW

Police Chief Arturo Venegas, Jr.

Before any chief executive takes over a company, the executive does an inventory of assets and liabilities both internally and externally, of himself/herself, and of the organization. The executive then proceeds to address the issues of the company with the board of directors, vendors, suppliers, and stockholders, such as evaluation of product, production costs. What is basically known as a product and stakeholder analysis must also be conducted. The executive needs to evaluate the workforce to ensure that the basic mission of the company and the product production cost to profit margin desired is achievable with the people now working in the company. If it can't, then the executive needs to either find ways to motivate and develop the current employees, move them out and get new ones that either have the skills or can be developed/trained.

Simple Business 1A?

Simple "Business 1A" in a paragraph? Of course not, a lot of other issues are involved. As you well know, many new businesses fail within the first year, costing not only money, but energy and emotion. No one LIKES to fail. The reward one seeks for the great risk is success - to get great results, requires great risk. I heard once that people in government fear failure and that people who fear failure, often fail to try. Also, if you are not spending a lot of your own money, failure is frequently easier.

What does this have to do with the gay/ lesbian community?

What does all of the above have to do with policing and with an article to *Mom Guess What Newspaper*?! Everything. Taking over a government agency and bringing about change can be like starting up a business venture. Success or failure can provide the same risks and rewards leave in, including the Chief of Police. I kind of equate my job as that of a chief executive undergoing a corporate takeover or restructure. The major difference is that, in my business, such thinking in the areas of product assessment, cost-to-profit product evaluation, stakeholder analysis, and customer satisfaction, were foreign topics for us. Public safety has always been, and continues to be, one of the basic reasons of government exists. However, in tough economic times where management and leadership of a public organization is often scrutinized to the umph degree for fat and inefficiency, making the public buck stretch has been and continues to be one of the critical skills for us in those management and executive positions.

Changing the police department ...

Changing the culture of an organization is a time consuming process that takes quite a while. Often times, with gut wrenching and emotion-charged feelings, it results in a not-so-smooth or happy, cheerful, palsy endings. Though necessary for the good of the organization and the community. When I was entrusted with the public trust to move the department forward in implementing community oriented policing and to make the department reflect the community in its personnel make up, I accepted the challenge and recognized that it would not be quick or easy. In recruitment, retention, hiring, and promotions, I have taken into account the needs of the community and the needs of the organization. I have not altered the qualifications. You, the citizens that pay our wages, still deserve the best of the best.

Gay and lesbian police officers ...

I have been asked about whether or not we have gay and lesbian officers and whether or not we would recruit new officers from the gay or lesbian sector of our community. Of course we do and of course we will. Gay and lesbian officers in our department have proven themselves just like heterosexuals have and that's not even discussing race, ethnicity, or gender. It's just plain stupid to get hung up on not hiring good people because they have different looks or practice different beliefs and lifestyles. As a Catholic and as a member of a very conservative profession, I recognize that this causes conflict with individuals in my church and, profession. But, I must do what I believe is right. With that, I accept the risk and liability of my decision, if any.

I was at a dinner hosted by the Northern California Asian Peace Officers Association and the makeup of the crowd was truly a reflection of the rainbow. I asked them to describe to me what an American is and what an American looks like, and all I got was silence. Mom, guess what?: The folks that are different are not going away - they are Americans, and they are us.

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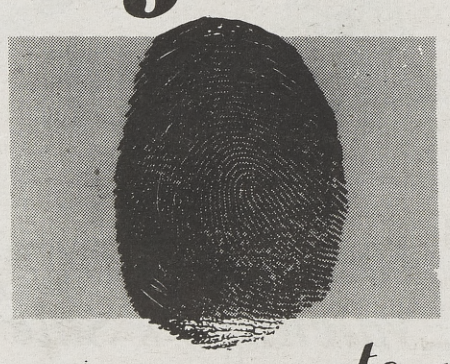

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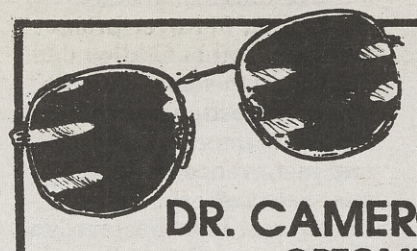

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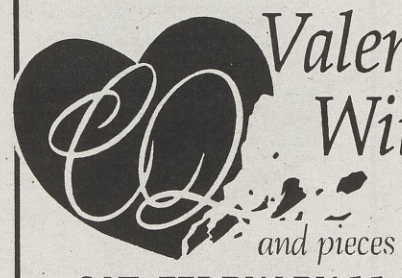

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SOUND BITES

Buckley is a Musical Chameleon

Reviewed by Craig Vreeken
MGW/Staff

Jeff Buckley, Grace, Columbia

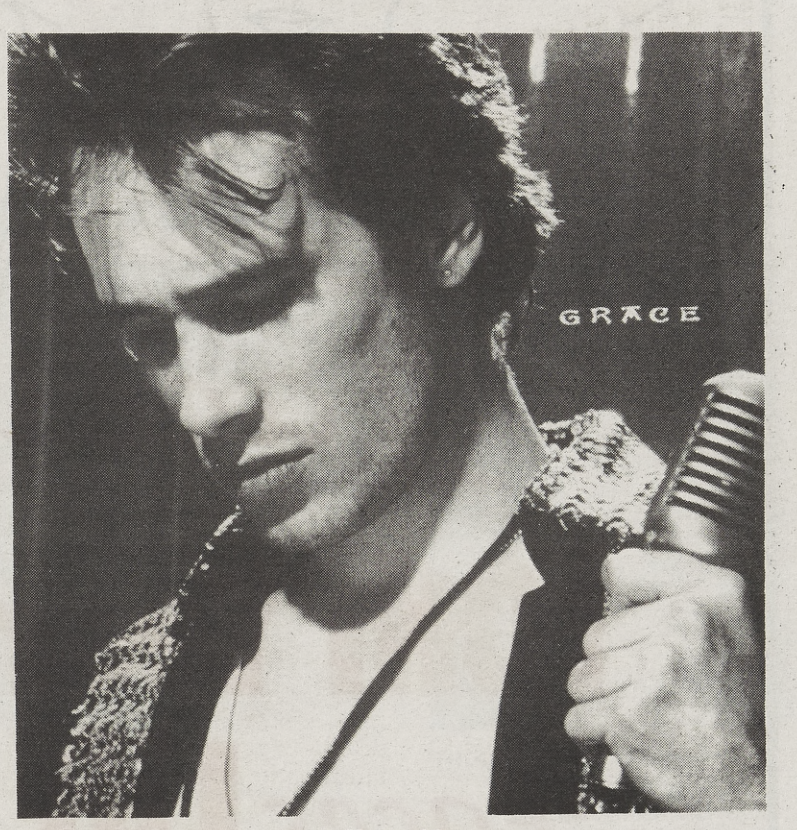
One of 1994's many new artists was Jeff Buckley, who released a stunning album last year that is now turning up on many "best of '94" lists, including Entertainment Weekly 's and Rolling Stone's. Buckley has incredible range for such a young artist, going from an ethereal folky falsetto to Led Zeppelin-esque bombast in the space of a single song. If his voice sounds familiar to members of the baby boom generation, there's a reason; Jeff Buckley is the son of late 60s-early 70s singer-songwriter Tim Buckley, whose career was just starting to take off when he died of a drug overdose in 1975.

Jeff Buckley never knew his father, but genetics must have been on his side, because the resemblance is eerie, similar to Ziggy Marley's or Julian Lennon's resemblance to their father's voices.

The younger Buckley goes places musically that his father never ventured, however. Buckley explores the smoky nether world where folk and grunge never quite meet, and forges something new and unique. On the title song, a 6/8 shuffle, his voice waivers and quivers and then suddenly soars with new found strength into Robert Plant territory, where he stakes his claim and makes it his own. As soon as you hear it, you know that he is talent to be reckoned with. It's no wonder that Columbia Records snatched this guy before anyone else could.

Last Goodbye further mines Led Zep territory, a la *Gallows Pole.* Then Buckley does a 180 and covers the standard *Lilac Wine*, which would sound at home on a Judy Collins record, and Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah.* Other standouts include Buckley originals *So Real, Dream Brother,* and *Eternal Life.*

But make no mistake, if you love Led Zeppelin, you might not care for Jeff Buckley, unless you are willing to open your ears to some soft, ethereal folk music as well. Likewise, if you're a dyed-in-the-wool folkie, some of the harder tracks will alienate you. This music is for listeners who can accommodate both sides of the spectrum, the yin as well as the yang. That shouldn't hamper Buckley's success, though. As Entertainment Weekly recently said, "Buckley is aiming for a higher plane, musically and spiritually, than any other singer-songwriter right now, and he succeeds enough to matter."▼



Jeff Buckley

Soundtrack too late to save show

Reviewed by Craig Vreeken
MGW/Staff

Various Artists, Music from the TV Series My So Called Life, Atlantic

This better than average soundtrack to this season's best TV show arrived too late to help save the critically acclaimed, but low-rated series. The alternative rock collection hit the stores about a week after the ABC announced the show's cancellation, which came about two months after the announcement that the show would be put on "hiatus." That's too bad, because *My So Called Life* should have been saved, either by a move to a different time slot or better promotion from the network. Instead, we'll probably get more Matlock reruns, or perhaps another sit-com that panders to the less intelligent segment of the TV audience.

ABC's mistake was assuming this show about a teenage girl and her friends would only appeal to a teenage audience in an 8 o'clock time period. It didn't. But it did appeal to this 38-year-old male and his friends. Part of that has to do with the writing. The show was written and produced by Ed Zwick and Marshal Herskovitz, the same team which also gave us *thirtysomething,* (also canceled by ABC). It you haven't watched *My So Called Life* - and its too late now - it concerned the trials and tribulations of 15-year-old Angela, her over-protective mom and befuddled dad, and her high school friends, including Jordan, a brooding hunk who was the object of Angela's budding desire, Raeanne, the wild, but lovable best friend headed for a fall, and Ricky, the only gay teenager that network TV ever allowed on the air.

The show was smart, engaging, well-written, well-acted, and maybe just a little bit too realistic for the majority of the TV audience.

Atlantic's release of the soundtrack may be too little too late in regards to the show, but it does contain some pretty good music by artists who appeared on the show, music used in the background on the show, and music that the show's characters would have probably listened to.

Juliana Hatfield, who appeared on the show at Christmas time as a homeless teen angel, is represented here with *Make It Home,* also featured in that show. Buffalo Tom is a group that the kids on the show just had to see at a club one episode. They do *Soda Jerk,* and it's one of the best songs on the album. Other standouts include Sonic Youth, Afghan Whigs, and The Lemonheads, who, despite the recent bad press, weigh in with a respectable *Dawn Can't Decide.* Most of the songs here can't be found on any of the groups' own albums. Also included is the theme to the show, which doesn't quite fit with the alternative sounds on the rest of the album, and also serves as a reminder that the show was canceled and you'll never see it again.

This album will probably not be too easy to find in the record store. Now that the show is canceled, Atlantic records has no reason to promote it. For fans of *My So Called Life,* or even for those that probably should've watched it, but didn't, this album is worth seeking out.▼

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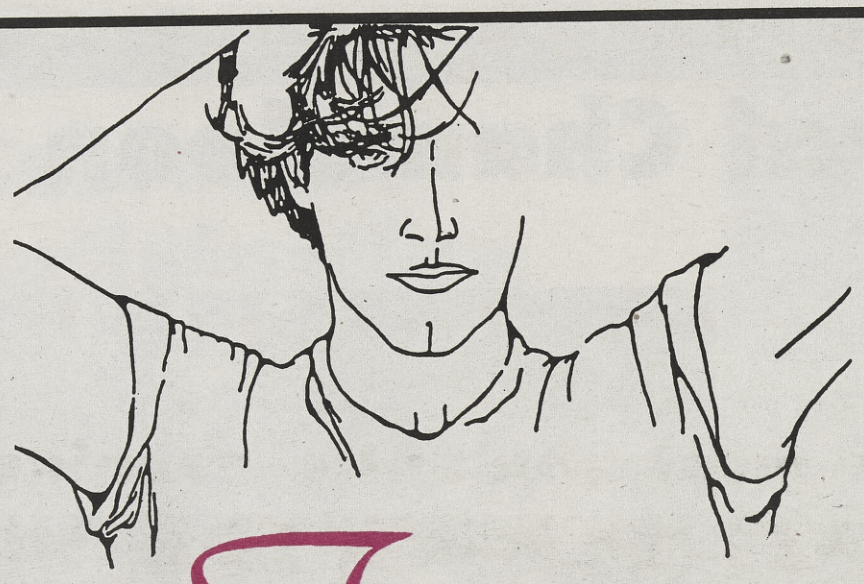

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Question and Photos by Katharine Davis

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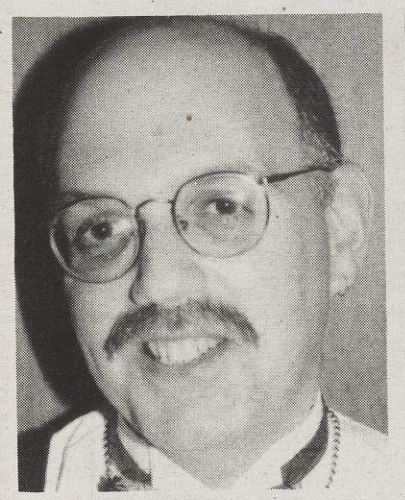
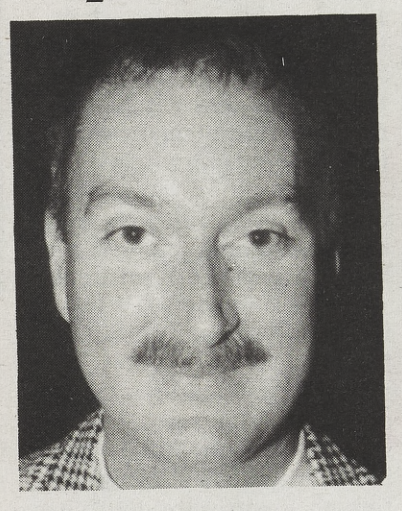


Dan Schwartz

"He comes to my door, preferably with flowers. After about half an hour of witty repartee and wonderful wine, we go to a four-star restaurant followed by an upbeat Sondheim play. Then we go to a place that doesn't exist in Sacramento, an elegant revolving bar atop a 35 story building overlooking the city where we partake of chocolate desserts, liqueurs, and more witty repartee after which we go home. I'm not going to tell you what happens after that."

Nancy Sullivan

"It was a double surprise; unknowingly, my partner and I had both come up with the the same idea. Wearing our trenchcoats, we wined and dined each other. Afterwards, she sent me on a scavenger hunt around the house at the end of which I found a note that told me to turn around and face her. During my journey through the house, I had removed my coat. When I turned around, she had too. We were both suitably garbed for Valentine's Day. I won't mention the rest. It was a fantasy that became a reality without each other knowing what was occurring."

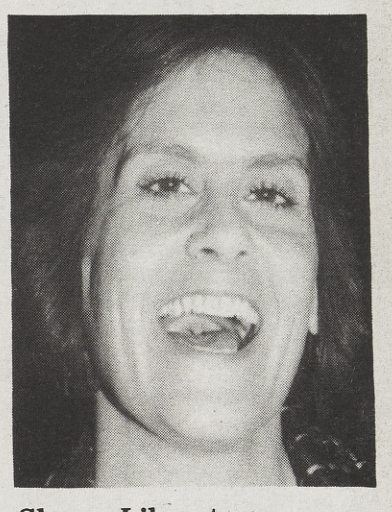


John Fitzgerald

"Being "told" I was being awarded a contract to do publicity for the Disney Studios, flying to Anaheim, being met by a limousine and taken to the Disneyland Hotel, and put up in my room where my lover surprised me. It was a nice, romantic weekend."

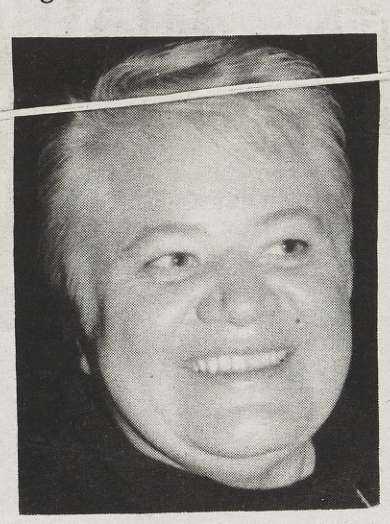
Ken Matley

"Christmas evening, I picked up a young man I had met about six months before. We went to the Tower Theater and watched *The Living End* which had been billed as a gay, post-punk *Thelma and Louise.* It was a very dark movie, the only kind to watch on Christmas Eve. Then we went across the street to Denny's, had very greasy chicken salad, and called it a night."



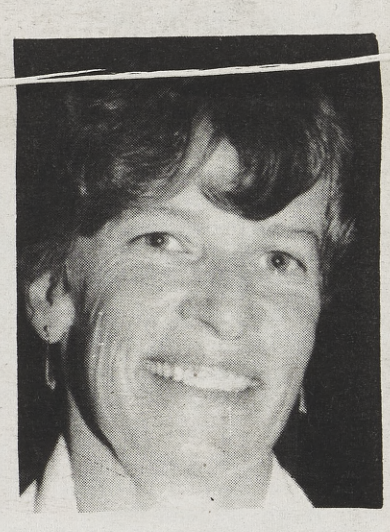
Sharon Liberatore

"I was on a cruise with 600 lesbians. It was the first cruise. It was also an anniversary for me."



Sandy Virago

"For our third anniversary we got to spend the night in the Presidential Suite at the Park 55 Hotel in San Francisco. We had a panoramic view, the moon behind the clouds, the city. It was incredible ... you're not going to get any details!"



Jan Newton

"We met in July. A month later we went to Hawaii. Just simply walking down the beach in Waikiki, then parking under the trees, sipping our drinks, watching the sunset, strolling back; it was wonderful and we've been together ever since."

Beryl Mayne

"My first Snow White Champagne Ball. I had just come out. It was so beautiful, so romantic, so overwhelming for me. I loved it, absolutely loved it."

Steve Melcher

"One of our first vacations together was to France. We stayed at a little old chateau on a river where they had wonderful food. The room had a balcony overlooking the river, and they provided a seven course meal with wine, and breakfast the next morning.

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Bob

Carolyn,
My first love, looking forward to sharing this day of love with you and more days to come. Sweetness, lover, and a new lifelong friend. WiTh my heart,
Jennifer

Dee,
If this world were mine I'd give you the moon and the stars ~ with your love inside me ~ you're all I need ~ love you always.
Jules

I often stop by your apartment leaving notes or honking my car horn. This time I'm leaving you one here. Happy Valentine's Day to Marvin Norman.
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Thanks for making my everyday special. I love you not only for what you are, but for what I am when I'm with you. "Happy Valentine's Day."
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Tangy,
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Igor Eye

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Because little children play.
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Because water runs downhill
And the mocking birds twill.

I love you
Because the snow dwindles away.
Because the ships are on the bay.
Because a mother's song is sweet
And good friends always greet.

I love you
Because a lake reflects the sun.
Because spots are on a fawn.
Because apricots have seeds
And flower beds have weeds.

Loving you is
As natural as all of these.
Real as the gentle breeze.
True as the honeybee flies.
Sure as the fish have eyes.
Connie

A Different Kind of Road Movie

Reviewed by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

***Boys on the Side*. Starring Whoopi Goldberg, Mary-Louise Parker, and Drew Barrymore. Directed by Herbert Ross.**

It seems to be an axiom that while straights get to be shown cavorting in all kinds of ways on TV and (especially) in movies, gays and lesbians remain mostly celibate onscreen. Herbert Ross' new film, *Boys on the Side,* unfortunately adheres to this strange rule. Drew Barrymore gets to squeak the bedsprings upstairs, while poor Whoopi Goldberg who plays the lesbian never even gets kissed.

Aside from this insulting oversight, Ross brings us a delightfully different road movie. Besides showing us the staple situation of characters who have to get along with each other's quirks while they drive down the highway, he gives us a compelling character study of three women facing great changes in their lives and helping each other confront them.

Sounds like a typical movie about good companionship. One of them even suffers from an illness to bring them more together. But here the similarity with formula movies ends.

This film features a hip, black, lesbian nightclub singer, Jane (Goldberg), who's on her way to find a gig in L.A.; a grunge-slut murderess, Holly (Barrymore), who can't say no; and a stuck-up white girl, Robin (Parker), who constantly relives comfortable scenes from her childhood and hums Carpenter tunes. Which of these three has AIDS?

Many people will identify with Parker, since she is the voice of reason between the comic extremes of Barrymore's dumb-blondness and Goldberg's cynical wit. Imagine the surprise when they learn that Parker is the HIV-positive one! The idea that anyone can get AIDS is an important element of the film, and certainly more interesting than the general plot of three women escaping their pasts and hoping for a better life on the West Coast.

In this movie, HIV status is a totally separate issue from sexual orientation.

At first, Robin has no clue that Jane is not straight. It is Holly who tells her that Jane is a lesbian as though Robin were dumb not to notice it all along. (This is funny, since it's doubtful Holly would have noticed it herself if she didn't already know!) The revelation is just news, it's not really outing.

Jane (Whoopi Goldberg) celebrates her birthday with Robin (Mary-Louise Parker) and Holly (Drew Barrymore) in Herbert Ross' *Boys on the Side*.

No one knows that Robin is HIV-positive until she becomes sick and is rushed to the hospital. Although shocked, they comfort her and stick by her side. Later, Jane reveals Robin's status to Alex (James Remar), a friendly bartender they meet in Tucson who makes amorous advances towards

See BOYS ON THE SIDE, pg.15

Bryson, Ingram, and Flack Bring Down The House

Reviewed by Vicki T. Purslow
MGW/Staff

What a bill: Peabo Bryson, James Ingram, Roberta Flack, and Sheena Easton, all sharing the stage at San Francisco's Davies Hall. Not only did they sing favorite holiday carols, but they also performed some of their greatest hits. The sold out crowd enthusiastically greeted these artists, who opened the show with an a capella rendition of *Hark The Herald Angels Sing,* after which, Peabo Bryson took the stage solo.

Bryson, full of emotion and depth, graced the audience with his 1990 hit, *Can You Stop The Rain.* Mid-concert, Bryson jumped off the stage, walking up the aisles on the main floor to shake hands with audience members. His warmth and kindness reflected all throughout his performance. To end his share of the show, he invited Robert Flack to join him in singing *Tonight I Celebrate my Love.*

Flack brought tears to the eyes of audience members when she sang *Making Love.* The house was absolutely quiet as she the commanded the audience's full attention. Look out for her new LP, Roberta, as it features jazz classics. This is guaranteed to burn up your stereo! Flack ended her section of the show by inviting the incomparable James Ingram to sing *Where Is The Love,* the 1973 hit (she originally recorded with Donny Hathaway).

Ingram carried on his set by including tunes such as *Yah Mo Be There, One Hundred Ways, I Don't Have The Heart,* and then bringing on Sheena Easton to join him in *Somewhere Out There.*

While Ingram brought down the house, Easton never should have shown up. How often have you eagerly awaited an artist's live performance, only to find that without the help of recording studio technology they'd be a nobody? Unfortunately, this is what happened with Easton. While Flack, Ingram, and Bryson warmed up beautifully to the audience, Easton was cold as ice, and conveyed an air of attitude. The audience responded accordingly, offering scarce applause, even on *For Your Eyes Only. Despite* the disappointing performance by Easton, the other artists were truly shining stars. After the third standing ovation, Bryson reassured the audience that a similar show would come back again next holiday season.▼

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Rumors: Everyone can relate to this

By Tom Marks
MGW/Staff

Rumors, by Neil Simon at the Sacramento Theatre Company is one of those plays that everyone will find something to relate to. The fast moving dialogue that only Neil Simon can write is well acted and well directed.

A botched suicide at an anniversary party turns into a wild and crazy story that we can each see people we know in.

Director Rick Barbour has compiled a terrific group of seasoned actors who really show their skill.

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Brigitt Markusfeld as Chris Gorman, Skip Greer as Ken Gorman and George Maguire as Lenny Ganz in a scene from *Rumors*.

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Anne Frank exhibition in Davis

"Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945" will be in Davis through February 25, at the teen center located at the corner of Third and B. The exhibit brings to life the world of Anne Frank, and her family. Its 540 photographs and 10,000 words of text juxtapose intimate glimpses of Anne and her family before the war with documentation of the rise of the Nazi party.

There are four main themes of the exhibit: discrimination is cruel and irrational; it is the ordinary citizen who discriminates; discrimination is a matter of personal choice; and the danger of stereotyping entire groups still exists. Otto Frank himself chose this focus in the hope that if we can truly learn these lessons, we can prevent future suffering, and his daughter will not have died in vain.

Community involvement is essential to realize the potential of this exhibit. In particular, survivors and

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children of survivors of the Holocaust are being sought to speak to visiting school groups and share their own stories. Over 5,000 Sacramento area school children in grades 6 through 12 are expected to tour the exhibit with their classes.

Admission will be $5 for adults, $3 for college students, and free for children under the age of 18. Info: Rachel Hoover, 759-7131.▼

Boys on the Side

from pg 14

Robin. He takes the news matter-of-factly, but when Robin discovers in bed with him what he knows about her and who told him she reprimands Jane severely. She acts like she's been outed.

Should she have told him? Jane is obviously concerned for him and thinks he ought to know, for his safety. But in doing so, she ignores her right to privacy and does not trust Robin to tell him herself. The movie clearly respects the right to privacy of persons with HIV/AIDS.

It's too bad that the film doesn't treat homosexuality and having AIDS with equal nobility. Robin never has to apologize for her disease, and this is right. Unfortunately, Jane says at one point, "Don't worry, you're not my type," when she realizes that Robin knows she's a lesbian. Is this to comfort Robin? Robin never says, "Don't worry, I won't exchange bodily fluids with you." That would be insulting, implying that people with AIDS want to spread it. Why is it not insulting to think that gays have to comfort straights in order to be friends with them?

These flaws in *Boys on the Side* do not detract from the movie's overall goodness. It's probably one of the few feel-good movies that actually makes you feel better about people. And it's not too corny, except after a rapid succession of corporate plugs (for national fast food joints, no less!) that poses for a time-lapse sequence during the on-the-road portion of the movie.

... funny in the right spots.

In the end, Goldberg (wonderfully cast as Jane) leaves a lasting impression when she sings a farewell song to the dying Robin. Parker and Barrymore are also effective in their roles. Parker convincingly conveys both the confused nature of a repressed, isolated woman and the fighting spirit of an AIDS patient. Barrymore is delightful as the carefree and careless spirit who finds her unlikely man in the form of a police officer named Abe Lincoln. This film knows how to be funny in the right places.▼

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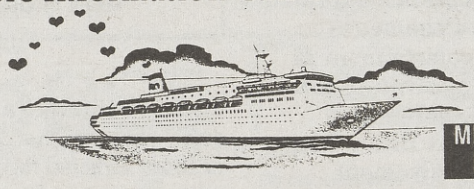

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Worth waiting for... Avalon opens

Avalon officially opens. Representatives from UCDMC Hospice, John Linder, AIDS Housing Alliance Board Secretary, Melissa Culloty, and Keith Smith, Sacramento AIDS Foundations, cut the ribbon officially opening Avalon.

Mother Teresa, move over...Sacramento has its own candidates for sainthood. For the last two years a group of gay and straight volunteers have worked tirelessly and without recognition to open Sacramento's first licensed hospice. On Thursday, January 12, 1995, an open house was held marking the official opening of the facility. The event was attended by over two hundred guests. Those in attendance donated nearly $2000 toward needed start up costs.

Avalon will provide homes to people with end-stage AIDS, who would otherwise be housed in skilled nursing facilities, acute-care hospitals, or be left homeless.

The project has been brought to completion through the efforts of its eleven member board and countless volunteers. In the last year alone, the board has met in 45 weekly sessions, dozens of committee meetings, and has logged hundreds of hours doing weekend remodeling at the house.

Personal commitment is the Board's motivation for this unusual selflessness. Board president Brian Putler reports his involvement emerged as a part of his "public" coming out. As a lawyer in private practice, he didn't always feel personally connected to his clients." I wanted to help the community...to really make a difference in someone's life." Brian also felt he had professional skills he could contribute to the success of the project. At the open house Brian looked around with some pride and shared, "this project is something I feel good about. It's truly fulfilling."

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> -- Brian Putler
> President,
> AIDS Housing Alliance

Architects John Terry and Jeff Farley shared much of Brian's thoughts. Jeff added he was also motivated by his "involvement with a compliment of individuals in a real partnership, that would help people in need."

Christine Roloff echoed the view of the Board, and added that her initial motivation "was to use my skill in public service, but as time went on it became more personal. AIDS was no longer a faceless disease, but rather a terrible social problem that leaves some of those afflicted facing death without personal support. Avalon, in an important way, helps our clients retain a sense of dignity."

Board member Beth Mearten has been working with AIDS issues since 1986. "This single project has profoundly moved me, because I feel that being in a comfortable, homey environment is very important at this time in a person's life."

Melissa Culloty, Board Secretary and "Den Mother" indicated, "I was always interested in AIDS work. It wasn't politically correct for a straight woman to be involved. I had been rebuffed by a few other AIDS organizations in town, but the UCDMC Hospice suggested this project two years ago, and I've been working happily ever since to get the doors open." She added, "this has been the most rewarding work I've ever done."

The Board's Treasurer, Burt Douglass, was asked to join the board because of his skills as a CPA. "I accepted this invitation to join the board because I recognized the void in hospice care, and also as a small measure of support for the friends I have who are living with AIDS."

Law Professor Brian Landsberg's interest in the project came after helping with end stage care of a close friend who died from AIDS.

David Dimitt (standing third from left) presents AHA Board President, Brian Putler with a $1250 check as Avalon's share of this years Sacramento Gay, Lesbian International Film Festival. Also present are actives and pledges from Delta Lambda Phi, film festival co-sponsors.

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AIDS Housing Alliance Board members and committee chairs share a relaxed moment at the AHA open house. Left to right: Brian Landsberg, Beth Maerten, John Linder, John Terry, Christina Rolaff, Linda Pertersen.

"This experience revealed the importance of making it possible for an individual to die in a home-like setting which Avalon provides."

Board members Sally McCabe, David Yakish and Peter Schwehn all indicated their motivation had changed over the last two years. Like the others, they were initially interested in public service, but as the project evolved they became more motivated by the need to see the issue of AIDS in a larger context. Sally summed it up for the group by observing, "This project is an important part of living with AIDS as an ongoing health issue. Avalon must be seen not as an end in itself, but as a continuation of our effort as a community to expand services in this area."

Although Avalon accepted its first clients the last week of January, needs still exist to add the finishing touches that will truly make this the home the board members envision. A copy of the "Needs List" or information about volunteering, may be obtained by calling (916) 979-0925.

Article and Photos by Larry Hoover
AHA Publicity Director

I OWE IT ALL...

The success of many projects come's not only through the efforts of the principals involved, but also through the silent support and forbearance of the "widows" left at home. For two years of patience and support the AHA Board would like to thank our partners, and spouses Dorothy Landsberg, Mike Tentis, Bart Mehlhop, Leigh Coop, Jack Renauer, Mark Gaff, Ann Carlson, Todd Spivey, and John Walker.

Tragedy of a lost dog

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

The backyard is securely fenced, the dog has never gotten out in the past and there is no reason to believe that things will change. Then, the unexpected happens ... Sacramento has fierce winter storms!

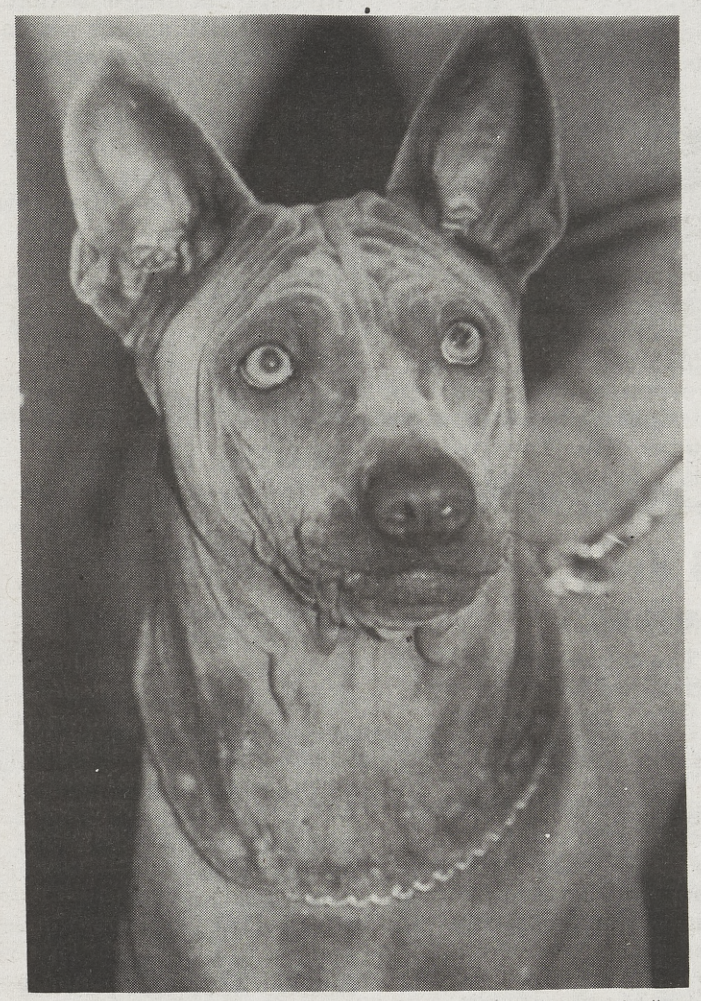
There is nothing more disheartening than to discover a beloved family pet lost or stolen. Hindsight is wonderful. Why didn't we check the fences before the rains to make sure that the fence was sturdy, the posts secure and that there is no rotting at the base of posts? Why didn't we make sure that there was a lock on the gate? Why didn't we check around the base of the fence to see if the dog had been digging? So many things can happen even in the most secure of situations and once that dog is out, chances of getting them back is often nil. This last week's weather made many people aware that their preparations were not adequate for maximum safety of their pets.

In a storm, many dogs become frightened. The sound of thunder can cause panic. Throwing themselves against a gate or part of the fence can lead to a door popping open or a section of fence falling down. A panicked dog can cover miles and end up irrevocably lost.

Does your dog have ID tags? Many people don't want to keep collars on a dog for safety reasons when in the backyard, particularly if there are several dogs together. However, a well fitted, rolled leather collar with tags is a pretty safe collar for any dog in a yard and it will not break the hair. In addition, I have all my dogs microchipped. Contact your veterinarian or call Sacramento County Animal Control at 366-2632, for information on chipping. Most Animal Controls and the SPCA now have scanners. A chipped dog has a much better chance of being returned to its owner.

Another reason that a lost dog may not find its way back to its home occurs when a good Samaritan locks a dog in their yard in order to attempt to find the owner. Most people are conscientious and will check the want ads for a lost dog listing and owner/dog are reunited. However, there are those who recognize the value of some dogs and they may run scams. Even worse, they may attempt to keep the dog for themselves.

Once such case happened recently to Rick Wortman. Rick's Rottweiler, Sasha was left in the care of a relative,. Somehow a gate was opened and Sasha disappeared on December 28, 1994 in the area around Executive Airport near 47th Ave. and Florin Rd. Although there have been reported sightings of Sasha, she has yet to turn up. According to Rick she is a very mild-mannered and well-trained Rottie. A major distinguishing factor is a seriously undershot lower jaw, and a notched scar on the tip of her right ear. When she disappeared she was wearing a leather collar with county license tag #88979. Rick's family, particularly his 10-year-old son are devastated by Sasha's loss. If you have seen Sasha call Rick at 916-962-0679. There is a reward, no questions asked, for Sasha's return.



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Since this is shaping up to be a wet winter, take some safeguards NOW. Check the fences, tag and chip the dogs and take some current photos of the dog so that if the unthinkable happens, you do have photos for posters. Also, in the case of loss, personally check all shelters, check the lost and found ads and place ads and posters. And, don't fall for scams that promise return of the dog for money. See the dog, have it in your hands and then give your reward.

Losing a dog is devastating and no one should have to suffer that sort of loss if an ounce of prevention could have prevented it.▼

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HIV NEWSLINE

On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Flood cleanup...

Take precautions in your garden and yard if they were saturated or flooded during the recent storms. Those most susceptible to infections (this means you, especially if you have a T-cell count between zero and 200) need to remember that the water, silt, and mud that entered your yard may have come from septic tanks, or left behind other elements (neighborhood animal deposits, etc.) that contain bacteria. Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently while doing any yard repair or cleanup, even if you wear gloves (add a mask if your immune system is severely compromised). A muddy swimming pool's filtration system should be able to clean the water, but the walls of the pool will need to be brushed thoroughly and the filtration system cleaned probably every day for a while. Use precautions when doing these tasks. (Also prune back any broken branches in your trees or shrubs because disease or insects can enter at these points and possibly bring disease to your vegetation. If there are still small pools of standing water trying to drain off, add a few tablespoons of cooking oil to the water to smother mosquito larvae.)

Bulletin Boards warning...

Don't believe everything you read about health news on computer bulletin boards, warns the Tufts University Nutrition Newsletter. A month-long survey found legitimate news, but also noted a growing amount of questionable information from people wanting to sell their products - such as shark cartilage, being peddled to treat cancer and control tumors. CompuServe says users cannot sell merchandise inside the computer forum, and violations will be investigated. It also says let the buyer beware.

Russia vetoes mandatory testing...

Russian President Boris Yeltsin recently vetoed legislation which would have required all foreigners living in Russia, or seeking to enter that country for any reason, to be tested for HIV. If the law had passed, anyone refusing the tests would have been deported or refused entry. The legislation would also have required that Russian citizens in "certain" professions, or who receive "certain" forms of medical care, be tested. The word "certain" was not defined in either case in the vetoed legislation.

New weight-loss treatment...

The FDA has approved the use of a human-growth hormone called Serostim for the experimental treatment of severe weight loss in people with AIDS. During the experimental period, Serostim may be available at $150 per dose. The treatment is daily and lasts for three months ($13,500).

KS drug review...

The cancer drug DOX-SL is scheduled for review at the FDA's Oncology Drug Advisory Committee meeting February 14. The manufacturer (Liposome Technology) is asking approval as Kaposi's sarcoma therapy for those who cannot tolerate, or do not respond to other therapies.

Bactrim potential re-examined...

Researchers at John Hopkins University in Baltimore are beginning two studies on extending benefits of Bactrim, now used to prevent and treat PCP pneumonia. Many physicians say Bactrim is the most broadly effective treatment for people in late-stage HIV infection. However, nearly half of all people cannot tolerate the sulfa base of the medication. The two studies will try to find alternatives to Bactrim, as well as methods of building patients' tolerance to the drug.

Early intervention drugs needed...

Two studies recently released by New York and Alabama researchers both conclude that halting AIDS will require developing a combination of drugs that can attack the virus immediately after infection. The studies both fully support the finding of early researchers that HIV is the cause of AIDS. The new research more specifically explains why people are able to live for many years with the virus, detailing "the tremendous struggle between a virus that wants to grow and multiply, and an immune system that wants to mow it down." The immune system does a fantastic job, say the reports, but this virus always springs back, exhausting the immune system after years of struggle, and leaving people open to the diseases and infections of AIDS. The study looked at several experimental drugs that block viral production, including nevirapin and ABT-538. Some are able to reduce by half the number of viral cells circulating in only two days, but drug-resistant strains of HIV appear within two weeks or less. Despite the present lack of an effective early-intervention inhibitor drug, the researchers say this is "very promising" research - that they now know more about the virus and what they need to find to control it.

Privacy still wins over saving lives...

The discovery that AZT given to pregnant women significantly reduces the chance of HIV transmission to their infant has resulted in the expected backlash of controversy. The National Institutes of Health says many children's lives would be saved by mandatory prenatal testing of pregnant women for HIV, and then administering AZT to those testing positive. But the American Civil Liberties Union, among others, adamantly oppose mandatory testing. AIDS czar Patricia Fleming suggests a compromise, saying she'd like to see medical providers "offer" the test as well as voluntary counseling.

Women die faster...

The largest and longest study to date to explore the differences in HIV between men and women is showing some terrifying results. Fifty pecent of the subjects in the University of Minnesota study were Black or Hispanic, and 20 percent were women. The study shows that women with HIV are 33 percent more likely to die than men who are comparably ill, and there is no apparent medical reason for the difference. Additionally, women are often far sicker when first seeking treatment, and when they do, they often receive different treatments than men. The study also shows that the first signs of disease in men are likely to be fungal infections or pneumonia. Twice as often in women than in men, death is the first sign.

HIV Positive...

A nursing aide in Philadelphia is suing the Medical Center where he worked, saying they have violated his constitutional rights as well as Federal laws. The man was fired for refusing to cover a tattoo on his arm that says "HIV POSITIVE," and discussing AIDS with people who asked about it. Hospital officials say the recovery of some patients who might worry about contracting HIV from the nursing aide might be impeded.

Lawmakers break barriers...

Four Oakland City Council members recently helped the Alameda County Needle Exchange hand out clean syringes to Oakland's drug addicts, part of a statewide effort to restrict cases of HIV caused by the sharing of used, contaminated needles. California law prohibits distribution of syringes without a permit. Governor Pete Wilson says it legitimizes illegal drug use, and has vetoed two pilot exchanges approved by state legislators. The Oakland Council members say they hope that "through this type of civil disobedience, we can get this unjust and immoral law overturned."▼

FAREWELL

Paul Starr-Fuhr

A tribute to Paul Starr-Fuhr, 34, who passed away on January 4, will be held on Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 pm, at River City Metropolitan Community Church. A gathering of friends will immediately follow the memorial service. MCC is located at Mather Air Force Base (Hwy 50 to Mather AFB Drive exit, enter main gate, veer right, 3 blocks to church with steeple; park in rear of building - not in the front AF parking area).▼

Anthony R. Gonzales

In Sacramento on January 7, 1995, aged 39. Son of Henry M. and Lupe C. Gonzales. Brother of Henry and Paulette Gonzales, James and Rosanna Wymer, Tina Gonzales, Diane Gonzales and Samuel Gonzales. Tony was a lifelong resident of Sacramento and a leader in the Hispanic community. He retired from the Sacramento Police Department as a CSR Supervisor. Tony was instrumental in helping Hispanic youths by organizing car shows, dances and job fairs. He was President of the Low Rider Assoc., member of the Board of Directors for the Washington Neighborhood Center, and member of the following organizations: California Crime Prevention Officers Assoc., Latino Peace Officers Assoc. Past member of the Sacramento Concillo Incorporated. Tony requested any remembrances in his name go to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 920 20th St., Sacramento, 95814.▼

Michael Dallas Davis

Retired County of Yolo public service official, Mike Davis, 57, passed away December 20, 1994, in his historic Woodland home, Dunnottar Hall, of complications related to AIDS. Diagnosed July 16, 1987, he died as he had lived: dignified, controlled, stalwart, and graceful.

Michael Dallas Davis-Kirkpatrick, the youngest of six siblings, was born in Wahoo, Nebraska on August 25, 1937, of Everett Davis, a grain and stock farmer. Irma Kirkpatrick, a Scots immigrant daughter and postmaster of Wahoo. His formative years were spent in nearby Westin where he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1956. He graduated with honors from the Balboa Naval Medical School, San Diego, California and served four years as a combat medical corpsman.

Mike was honorably discharged in Long Beach, California, was charmed by the Southern California weather and lifestyle, and established residence in Santa Ana were he attended college. He met his future life companion, Fred Harvey, one day while both were surfing in laguna Beach. Mike worked as a medical social worker for the University of California-Irvine Medical Center.

In 1965, Mike and Fred moved to Berkeley where he continued his college education. In 1969 he was appointed as a social worker with the County of Yolo Department of

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Sacramento, CA 95814

FAREWELL

Michael Davis

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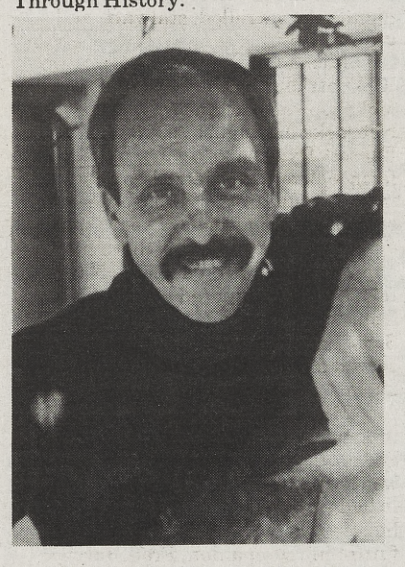
Social Services, rising to the position of Supervisor of Adult Protective Services. In 1986 he was elected County Employee-of-the-Year. In 1993 he was elected City of Woodland Citizen-of-the-Year. While in public service Mike was a professional in child protective services, foster and adoptive care, juvenile court proceedings, community relations, and the federal food distribution program. In addition, Mike and Fred were state-licensed foster and adoptive parents.

Mike retired from 27 years of public service in October of 1993, living in Woodland with Fred in an openly gay relationship.

During his tenure in Yolo County, Mike was instrumental in the establishment of several human service and cultural organizations and served with distinction on several boards of directors. Among his many affiliations is the Yolo County Volunteer Center, the Woodland Opera House and Guild, the Downtowners Association, the United Way, the Elderly Nutrition Program, the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Center, and many others. He was a co-founder, in 1969, of the Gay Student Union at the University of California-Davis, and the Ballet Folklorico Latino de Woodland in 1987.

Proud of his Celtic heritage, Mike was active in the Scots' Clan Colquhoun and wore his kilt at all formal events. His Scottish dinners were renowned and he raised funds for local charities through auctions at his Scottish dinner parties served in the grand Highland style at Dunnottar Hall.

Michael was a founding member of the Neighbors for Historical Preservation which, in turn, led to the establishment of the Historical Preservation District and the Annual Historical Stroll Through History.



For nearly 20 years, Mike Davis has provided Dunnottar Hall as the venue for historical, cultural, political, and human services fundraising events. Each year, Stroll visitors enjoy a Scot's High Tea on the terrace of Dunnottar Hall as a fundraising event for the Yolo County Volunteer Center.

Mike's interest in historic preservation and his efforts on behalf of the citizens and institutions of Yolo County were tireless. He was a major contributor to the betterment of his community through personal effort and financial assistance.

It is because Mike was an outstanding and solid citizen that the 1994 Annual Historical Stroll Through History was dedicated in his honor.

Mike is survived by sisters and brothers, nieces and nephews, and other members of his family in Washington and Nebraska and by his companion of 34 years James Frederick Harvey-Keith of Woodland, California. Fred will remain in Woodland and continue supporting the legacies bequeathed by Michael to the citizens of Yolo County and the city of Woodland.

A private memorial service will be held. It was Mike's wish that memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, be made to the Tom des Rosier Miracles Program administered by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation Hand-to-Hand Project in care of Susan Evans, 6017 Kifisia Way, Fair Oaks, California, 95628.

"and Death whispered in his ear, 'Live!' for I am waiting." - Ancient Celtic apothegm▼

In Loving Memory of

friends lost in February

February 1990:
David Austin
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Don Gobel

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February 1994:
Chuck Scaggs
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As long as you are remembered, you live!

Sacramento readers are invited to add the names of their loved ones to MGW's remembrance colun. Please call 648-1120 at least 30 days prior to the anniversary month of your loss.▼

MGW/Katharine Davis

Townhouse Donates Money to SAF

SAF Director, Keith Smith receives a check for $2,141 from one of the Townhouse owners, Don Covelle. A special committee called "Friends of Gregg Cranert" raised the money doing several auctions, buffet, and raffle at the Townhouse.▼

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MOM... GUESS WHAT!

441-NEWS

Kings host benefit for SAF

The Sacramento Kings announced the organization's participation in the first annual "Hoops For Hope" benefit for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF). Proceeds from special discounted tickets from the Saturday, February 18 game versus the Los Angeles Clippers will be donated to SAF.

A VIP benefit reception will be held in the fourth floor lounge of ARCO Arena at 5:30pm. A buffet dinner, no-host bar, live jazz band, silent auction, and a luxury suite ticket are all included with a minimum donation of $250. Individuals who have already purchased tickets to the game may participate in the pre-game reception by donating $100 to SAF. All donors will receive a red-ribbon pin and a commemorative T-shirt.

Panels from THE NAMES Project Quilt will be on display on the concourse level of the arena throughout the game, including one panel entirely dedicated to tennis great Arthur Ashe.▼

AIDS WALK 1995

850 miles

Starts June 1 in Laguna Beach ~ ends in Sacramento on Aug. 31

Info: 535-5067

Association for gay and lesbian health care professionals meets Feb. 24

Wine, Cheese & Theatre will be hosted by "qHS prn" a new social and networking organization for Gay and Lesbian Health Care Professional of Central California. The event will be held February 24, beginning with a Wine and Cheese Social from 7pm in Sierra II's Green Room, and Show starting at 8pm Sierra II is located at 2791 24th Street in Sacramento. The event is open to all gay and lesbian health care professionals and student health care professionals in central California.

"qHS prn" is an organization providing social and networking opportunities for gay and lesbian people in health care professions throughout the greater central California area.

The event will feature a performance of *The Baby With The Bath Water* - a hysterical comedy by award winning playwright Christopher Durang, performed by The Lambda Players. Founding members of "qHS prn" and the association management team will be on hand during the social to answer questions about qHS prn and membership.

Ticket prices are $15 for members and $20 for non-members. Info: 446-4582.▼

THE LAMBDA CENTER

Serving the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Community

Mondays
Men's Coming Out Group 5:30PM
H.E.A.L. Health Education and Awareness for Lesbians Support Group 7:00PM

Tuesdays
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30PM

Wednesdays
Men's Focus Group 1st & 3rd Wed 7:00PM
Eagles (for seniors) 2nd & 4th Wed 6:30PM
Men of Color Support Grp; 2nd & 4th Wed 6:30PM
H.E.A.L. Advisory Board (call for information)

Thursdays
Being Alive Living Room for PWAs 2:00-5:00PM
Women's Coming Out Group 6:00PM
CODA (co-dependents anonymous) 7:30PM

Fridays
Youth Rap Group (24 & under) 5:45PM
Café Lambda 8:00PM
Transgender Group (3rd Friday) 7:00-8:00PM

Saturdays
Youth Social (24 & under) 8:00PM
Traffic School 1/28 8AM- 4:30PM
Homebuyer's Seminar; call Cynthia @ 334-4834

Sundays
Eagles Bike Club, call Roy at 442-0185 for info
Gay Fathers 2nd Sun 6:30PM
Twin Spirits 3rd Sun 3:00PM
Alcoholics Anonymous 11:00AM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
Feb 10th & 24th ❖ 8-10:30pm

Vicars & Tarts Celebration
Feb 10th ❖ 10pm-Midnight

Happy Valentine's Day! Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Lambda Community Center - 20th & L Streets, Sacramento 442-0185

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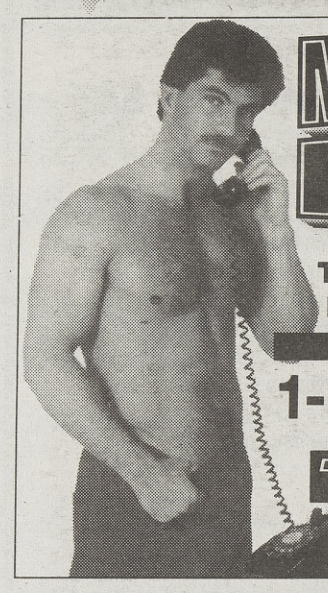

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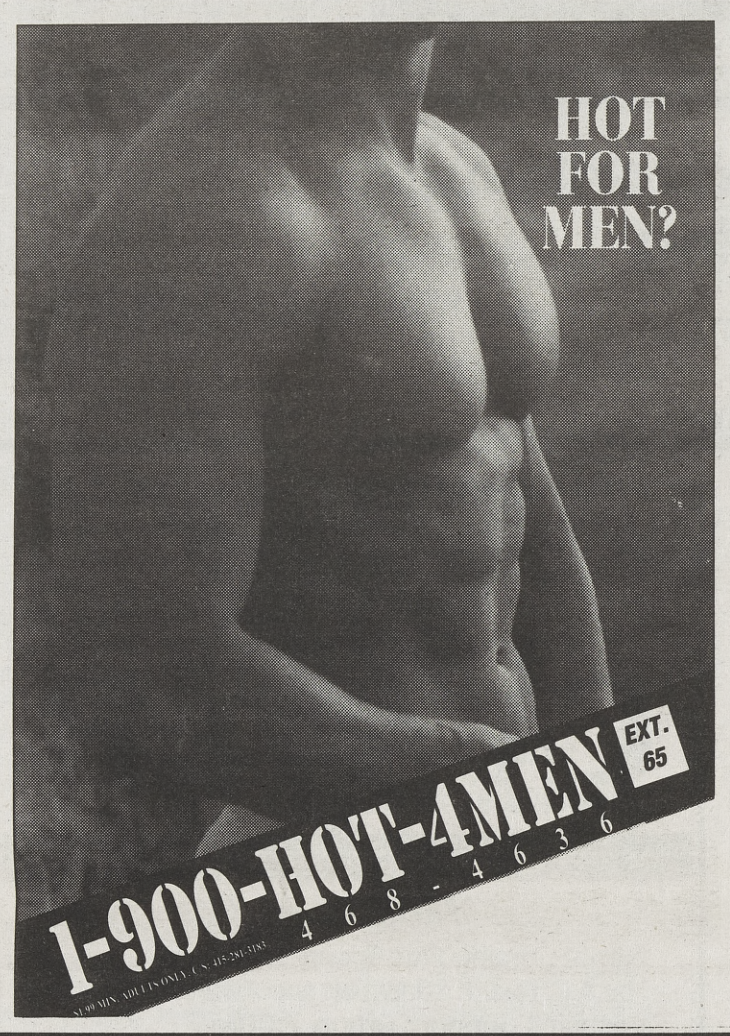

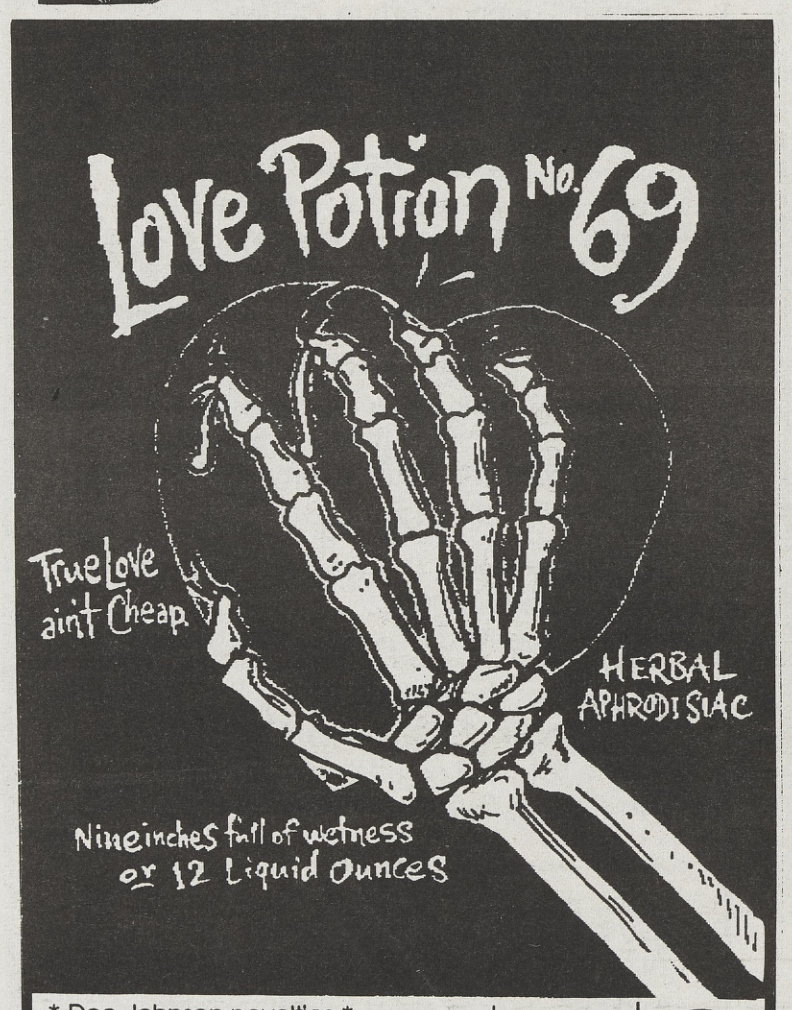

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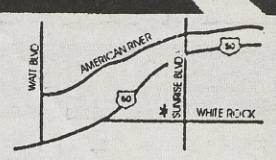

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631-3520

BOYCOTT

These businesses do not support you, so you might choose not to support them!!!

Raley's:
President Charles L. Collins is on the Board of the Family Research Institute (Paul Camerons' scientists group) with Lou Sheldon's Traditional Family Values. During Sacramento County hearings several years ago regarding AIDS, they testified against having gays work for them.

Burger King:
National owner has donated large sums to anti-gay and fundamentalist far right religious zealots. Local owner Joe Lal destroyed Sac. News & Review's papers and newstands in 1994 because of Gay & Lesbian personal ads.

Carl's Jr.:
Owner Karl Karcher has donated large sums to anti-gay causes.

Curran, Hitomi Marketing Agency:
Owner Marilyn Curran wrote to MGW and demanded to be taken off the PR mailing list. MGW routinely mails copies of the newspaper to all ad agencies.

Calvary Christian Center:
Rev. Phillip G. Gondeaux is active in hate with Rev. Lou Sheldon.

Lithographics:
16th & J St. Owner refused to work with Joan Greenfields' First Blush Lesbian Greeting Cards.

Capitol Christian Center:
Rev. Glen Cole stands in the ranks with Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition.

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Instant Phone Contacts By Area Code — MANFINDER™

Sacramento **TALL GUY SEEKS SAME:** Tony, 38, single, tall like to have a good time, if u are similar, give me a call- ☎23379

Sacramento **BOY NEXT DOOR:** Brett WM 21, 5'9 brn/blu, slim built, cln cut, very attr, iso other WM under 30, slim no bodybuilders slim and cute for good times and weekends, want someone to teach me everything, little to no bdy hair- ☎23852

Photo: Steven Underhill

Sacramento **LARGE BOTTOM MALE,** 24 Afr Amer iso real men in the area give me a call- ☎23862

Sacramento **DOWNTOWN AREA:** Michael, 35 WM 5'10 170, brn/blu int in meeting BM in the downtown area for good time maybe even rel, gdlkg good shpe, int in hearing frm you- ☎11068

Sacramento **SATISFY ME!** Large round btm BM subm iso real man to satisfy him give me a call- ☎23862

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Carmichael **BOY NEXT DOOR:** single WM 30 5'9 160, brn blu trim attr boy next door type, iso WM 18-30 ht wt prop boy next door type, for friendship poss rel, local only- ☎24548

Lake Tahoe **CROSS DRESSING AND STUFF:** Jim 28, into looking for guys into something new , like to try cd and stuff, into it give me a call ☎24582

Sacramento **LUNCHTIME FUN:** John, hisp male iso discreet encounters during lunch, iso professional endowed men, 20s - 40s for very well endowed, ready for service - ☎21107

Sacramento **TREAT ME LIKE A BABY:** Jim, looking for a GWM or couples to be my daddy, like dressing up as a baby and treated like one, iso guys blnd blu wears 501, like sports, like outdoors, hope to hear from someone- ☎21642

Sacramento **TV OR TS:** SWM looking for passable TVs or TS, - ask for Greg- ☎1824

Sacramento **BI WM** Michael, 35 WM bi, gdlkg, in very good shape int in meeting bm 25-45, pls give me a call- ☎22138

Sacramento **ONCE OR TWICE OR MORE:** John, btm gy iso guys to get together with either just one time dates or long term lkg for 18-28 give me a call ☎3023

Sacramento **ON THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR:** GWC 37 and 22 like to meet other men or couples for fun in or out of the bedroom- ☎22250

Sacramento **SEAN PENN LOOKALIKE:** Jeff, 20 WM 5'8, 165, sports, athletics, look like Sean Penn fair skin avg build, just curious and inexperienced, lv a message- ☎22593

Sacramento **QUIET EVENINGS** looking to meet 30-45 into hiking mtns ocean love music, and quiet eves together, latino, 5'4, 130, ☎22874

Lodi **24 HOURS A DAY:** GWM 55, 6', 180, looking for other GWM 30-50 for day or night encounters- ☎21693

Boulder Creek **DOMINANT DAD WANTED:** Todd looking for dom older male 40s-60s to teach sm bd, give me a call, ☎22124

Hanford **BLONDE BUZZ CUT:** Jeffrey, live in Central CA, country 6'2 blnd/ buzz cut, like all kinds of sports, bike hike, surf, when I get to the coast, like to get to know someone and have some hot times ☎22159

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Stockton **I WANT SATISFACTION:** WM bi, iso WM 18-30 pref good shape, discreet, int in satisfying my desires- ☎22751

Modesto **20 Y/O** Hisp looking for bi or gay males, 18-25 no fats or fems ☎22974

Sacramento **POOL AND HOT TUB:** 2 GWM couple 40s, country dancers, fit outgoing own home, pool, hot tub trailer, lkg for someone 21-30 boy under 6' single fit, ☎18033

Sacramento **DISCREET ENCOUNT-ERS:** lkg for trm wm btm 24-35 for discreet encounter, married 31 bm gdlkg, give me a call- ☎20834

Sacramento **WHITE HOT:** like to meet white ht btm 25-35, BM 6'1 gdklg, married, 175, ☎20860

Sacramento **LUNCHTIME QUICKIES:** lkg for discreet prof'l well end'd for goodtimes, lunchtime fun, lv me a message- ☎21107

Sonora **CABIN IN THE WOODS:** Kevin, 32, WM looking to meet gdlkg guy a litte younger/older looking to build a life, monog rel, looking to have someone move up here, and help me work on my cabin, looking for alot of hot loving, give me a call- ☎42602

Porterville **ANYBODY HOMO?** Eric, 24, 5'10, 145, lt brn/hzl, lkg to see if anyones out there ☎21429

South Lake Tahoe **NEW TO AREA:** David, WGM 22, 5'9 150, new to area iso str acting 18-25 non smoker, if you like to have agood time give me a call- ☎17563

Sacramento **TV'S OR CD'S:** Louis, looking for TV, TS or CD in the area- 25-60 5'7 160, hisp/ blk mystache med build, 40s- ☎18284

Sac **COUN-TRY DANCERS:** 2 GWM country dancers 40s, fit, outgoing, own our own home with a pool, looking for a single wm to date fit up to 38, to work into poss rel, int give us a call- ☎18033

Davis **POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS:** GBM 6'1, int in meeting others int in poli sci, music and reading int in having a nice eve and a good time give me a call- ☎16493

Lake Tahoe **NEW TO AREA:** Matt, 29, 6', 175, attr, in shape brn/brn like to meet in the area, surr area who like to have fun- ☎17105

Redding **TIED UP IN KNOTS:** iso someone to untie,them 29, 6'1 215, never been with anybody before so I'm looking for friendship ☎16803

Sacramento **BEAR SEEKS STUD:** Len, iso a young male, 18-28, blnd blu, or just a young stud, bear 220, - ☎16523

Sacramento **ATTN: MACHO HAIRY GUYS:** if ur in Sacto, 24, like macho, hairy, mature, masc guys, if u fit that disc give me a call- ☎16716

Sacramento **HOT ACTION?** tall, very attr masc man 32 iso 25-35 BM who are well end'd in shape looking for action- ☎17232

Sacramento **LKG FOR BUFF AND BLONDE:** tp man iso buff blnd blue eyed 25-35 likes movies, going out to dinners,travel, likes to have a good time in all kinds of ways- ☎17352

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Announcements

HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME? Call 442-0185.

Retired? Bored? Want to contribute to the gay/lesbian community? MGW Newspaper is looking for volunteers to help with phones, envelope stuffing, filing, computer inputting, painting, errands, customer service at front counter, writing, photography, etc., etc. Call 441-6397.

Do you like to read & write? MGW receives books from publishers on all subjects: love stories, religious, children's, political, entertainment, biographies, art, health, cookbooks, etc. MGW is looking for reviewers. You keep the book! 441-6397. TFN

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$675, So. Natomas 2 BD, 2 BA house, 1 car gar, frplc, new paint, cat OK. 652-4800. $375 1 BD apt, 1708 N St, lower, clean, lndry, quiet gd neighbors. 652-4800.

Cottage for rent on 2 acres, Arden area, hawks, duck pond, fruit trees, frplc, small study, $625/mo. 489-0644. x2/15

Pvt garden lg cozy studio, deck, AC, W/W. Quiet folk type $395 incl util + dep. Msg 444-8080 x2/1

Apartments & Houses for Rent, Whisler Land Company, 448-6666. TFN

Hair station for rent to a stylist with a clientele Crazy Razor, midtown . Dianne, 446-3790. TFN

Small quaint cottage for rent. Great for artist, writer or someone that would like quiet space. Cottage is for day use only, not a live-in. 1/2 bath, no kitchen, etc. Landpark Area, $200. Linda, 441-6397. TFN

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Mobile Home 10x55 w/8x11 expando. New carpet, lighting, wallpaper, lighting, floors. Exc. senior park in Rancho Cordova. Just $8500. 368-7224 x3/15

Creative seller financing SFR's Area 1, 3. 444-8080 x3/15

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Lesbians Seeking Lesbians

43 WF 150lbs, short soft butch WLTM short fem 35-48, WWLTM witty, romantic, sincere, caretaker who likes music, dance, quiet times, movies, social activities, and travel. Must have gd. attitude, let's talk! 209-465-0357.

Skiing GW (over 40) start informal downhill Sierra & travel ski group. Interested? C/O MGW Box 15, W/ name/phone #.

Gay Men Seeking Gay Men

Sacramento JO Buddy wanted. GWM, 48, 5'8", 175 lbs, br/bl, HIV-, wishes to meet another GM for ongoing JO adventures. Let's play it safe - and still have a good time. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 426648, S.F., CA 94142.

I am discreet WM, 5'8", 130lbs, HIV-. Prefer tall, trim, must/or beard guys. Redheads a plus. Boxholder, Box 162012, Sac 95816.

Country man looking for someone else who likes country living and being around animals, PJ 916-889-5611, Box 7105, Auburn 95603. x2/15

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Miscellaneous

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Roommates

Mstr BD w/bath, $300 incl. util 369-8300.

GF seeking clean GF to share 2 BD, 1 BA Land Park area hm. NS, ND. Must like dogs. Pets nego, $300/mo ½ util. 447-7930.

Looking for a rm? We have a great loc, only 20 mins from midtown. 2 rms avail in 4 BD, 2½ BA lesbian household. $350 ea. 683-2073.

Greenback/Auburn Blvd. nice 3 BD condo, non-smoking rm, $275 incl. util. Msg 726-0254.

Responsible GM roomate wanted to share Granite Bay home $400/mo incl util. 791-5496.

Shr lrg 2 BD, 1½ BA CSUS area apt w/GM. Beaut lndscp w/waterways. Gated, lots of parking. $330/mo + $150. 974-7877.

Shr lrg 3 BD 2BA So. Natomas home. Has spa, gym, cable, W/D, lndscp'd yds, alarm. Near dwntn, fwys, shopping, park. $375/mo + ½ util, $275 deposit. Call 923-6274 x2/1

Services

Take time out ~ Get yourself a massage ~ Swedish ~ Accupressure ~ Reflexology ~ In/out calls. 2 for 1 intro offer. Kevin CMT 448-8406.

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Gay/Lesbian Travel Guide Books. MGW, 1725 L St., 441-6397. TFN

Vacation Rentals

Great So. Tahoe condo. 2 BD, newly furnished. SleepS 6, $75/nite, $100/holidays. 1-800-421-5113. Refer to unit #110M.

Trade? Will trade our vacation home for yours for week or weekend. Sleeps 6, on Clearlake, pier and boat ramp. Fully equipped. 753-0424. TFN

Wanted

Old cameras wanted for decorating MGW offices. 441-6397. TFN

small used canoe. Prefer something light, poss. plastic or fiberglass. Rosemary Metrailer, 447-7255. TFN

Looking for a 3/4 ton windowed van, V8, w/tow package. Good condition. Linda, 441-6397. TFN

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441-NEWS

Lesbian Personals

FEMALE ONLY PERSONALS

Sacramento **BD AND SM:** Leah looking for someone who likes dom, likes bd and sm, lv a message ☎27365

Sacramento **FEMININE TOPS:** Sue, prefer fem tops, early 40s, pretty attr, smart, good job, great place to live, like sports, like second hand store shopping, great dane, drink coffee, non drinker iso someone age appropriate taller the better, ☎28033

Sacramento **NEWLY SINGLE:** Michelle self empd hairdresser camping country music movies, lke to meet for companionship, just got out of a marriage to another woman, 46-just looking for fun ☎30580

Sacramento **EXPLORE A LITTLE:** Tanya, looking for a bi female to have fun with, maybe explore a little, give me a call-☎27625

Sacramento **BEAUTIFUL SMILE:** Christine, 25, single GF 5'6 brn blu good smile, size 16 hopeless romantic love to sing, talking, walks along the river quiet eves or nites iso romantic woman, easy going and enjoys the simple things in life-☎32613

Sacramento **HOPELESS ROMANTIC: GWF** iso GWF in the area hopeless romantic, country music dancing, pref non smoker, drink occasionally lkg for rel, like to be friends and have it grow into a rel-☎34561

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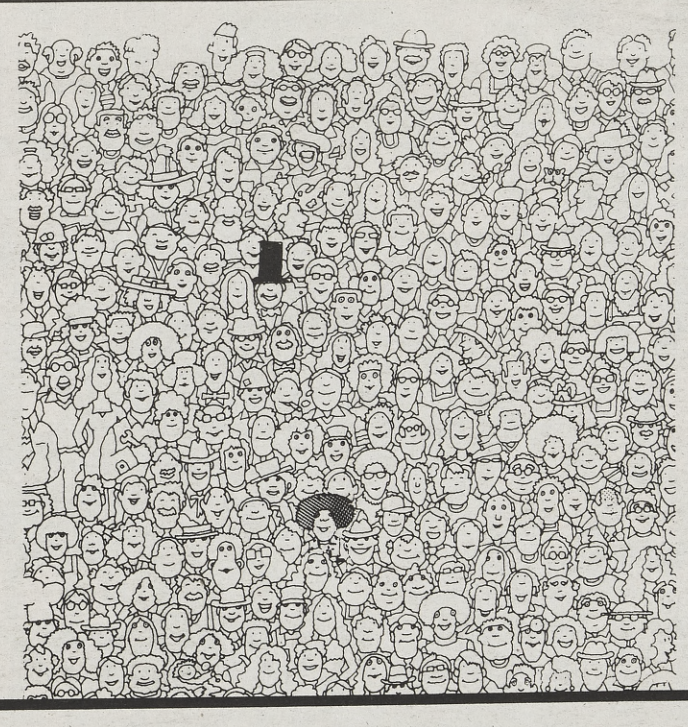

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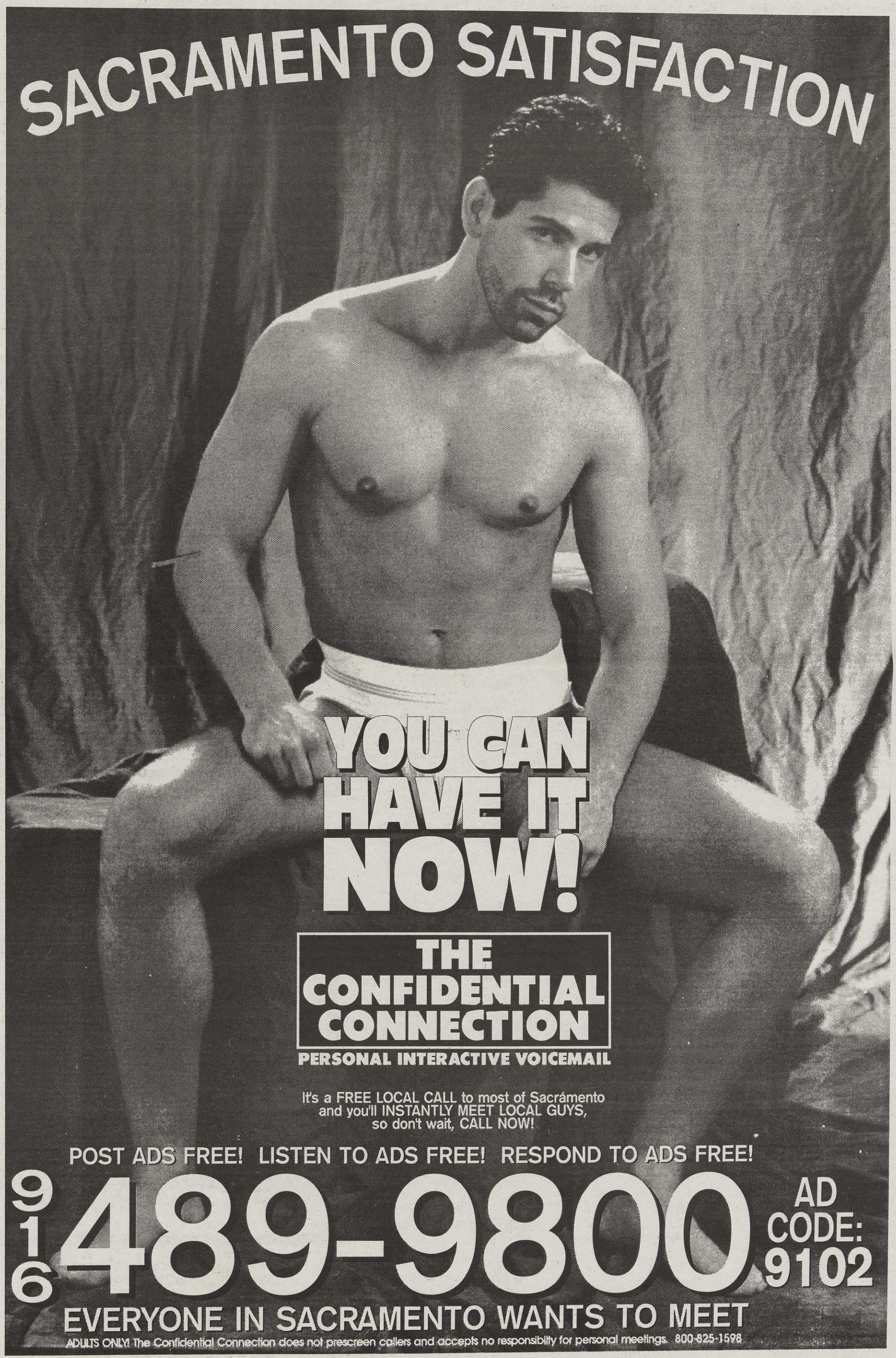
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1 WEDNESDAY

Be an Encourager Day

Freedom Day — Presidential proclamation

Valley Bears Club Meeting, elections, Wreck Room, 7pm.

"Just As I Am", River City MCC Service telecast, Time TBD, Ch.40, 856-1444.

Low-cost pet vaccinations, Sac County Animal Control, 4290 Bradshaw Rd., 6-8pm, $4 cash.

2 THURSDAY

Groundhog Day

Choir Practice, River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise, Mather AFB (Old Chapel #1) off hwy 50, 7pm, 856-1444.

Being GayToday Rev. Freda Smith & SAEGL, Ch. 17, 10pm.

On the Road with IMA, Women in music with June & Jean Millington, and Nancy Vogl. 7:30-8:30pm. UC Davis, Kleiber Hall.

The Slammin' Babes, a concert with room to dance, 8:30-10pm, UC Davis, Kleiber Hall. Tickets $10 advance, $15 at the door. Info: 752-9117 or 707-878-3004.

Lesbian Support Group, 6:30pm, DeWitt Center, 11512 B Ave., Ponderosa Rm, Auburn. 632-7080.

3 FRIDAY

Camping Women, dinner 6:30, meeting 7:30, Round Table Pizza, 4949 Marconi Ave. Info: Gail 689-9326.

Being GayToday Rev. Freda Smith & SAEGL, Ch. 17, 4pm.

Benefit for Service Members' Legal Defense Network, Premiere Screening "Serving in Silence, the Greta Cammermeyer Story," 6pm, movie/reception $100 for 2 persons, Palace of Fine Arts, 3301 Lyon St., San Francisco.

4 SATURDAY

Halfway Point of Winter

Camellia Orchestra with Sac Men's Chorus & David Tigner, "Courage," Nan Washburn, conductor. 8pm. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St. 441-5188.

Being GayToday Rev. Freda Smith & SAEGL, Ch. 17, 10am.

June & Jean Millington & the Slammin' Babes, Dance party to pay Lynn Vidal's hospital bills! IMA, Bodega, 8pm, $12. 707-876-3004.

5 SUNDAY

Boy Scouts of America Anniversary Week

Crime Prevention Week

Weatherman's Day

River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise "Where God does not discriminate", 9am, 11am, & 6pm, Mather AFB (Chapel #1), 856-1444.

6 MONDAY

Peace Corps in Sacramento, 7pm, Newman Center, 5900 Newman Ct. (across from CSUS), info: 1-800-424-8580.

Serving in Silence, movie about the life & career of Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, Channel 3, 9pm.

Capitol AIDS Walk '95 Committee Meeting, volunteers welcome! 6pm, SAF, 920 20th St., 2nd floor. Info: Georgia Maring 448-2437.

7 TUESDAY

Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras Queen, Old Sac, 558-3912.

6:30pm, DeWitt Center, 11512 B Ave., Ponderosa Rm, Auburn. 632-7080.

8 WEDNESDAY

Valley Bears '95 Bear Gathering Committee, 2500 Marconi #200, 7pm.

"Just As I Am", River City MCC Service telecast, Time TBD, Ch.40, 856-1444.

9 THURSDAY

Kraut and Frankfurter Week

Jewish Gay & Lesbian Group, meeting, 7:30pm. Shari, 441-4054.

Choir Practice, River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise, Mather AFB (Old Chapel #1) off hwy 50, 7pm, 856-1444.

Momentum Elizabeth Birch, new Exec. Director Human Rights Campaign Fund, Ch. 17.

Lesbian Support Group, 6:30pm, DeWitt Center, 11512 B Ave., Ponderosa Rm, Auburn. 632-7080.

10 FRIDAY

Camping Women, Cabin at Strawberry. $40. Thru Sunday. Cindy 361-8668.

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Dancing the Legacy: Tribute to Katherine Dunham & Pearl Primus, 24th St Theatre, Sierra II, 2791 24th St., 8pm, $10-$12, 448-5253.

11 SATURDAY

Valentine's Dance, SACWN, Music by Second Wind, 8pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2425 Sierra Blvd, 451-8034

Thomas Edison Day

Sacramento Symphony, Debussy "Nocturnes", Poulenc "Gloria", Gounod Soldiers' Chorus from "Faust", Saint-Saens Symphony No,. 3 "Organ Symphony", 8pm, CCT, 449-6940.

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8th Annual Carnival Parade, Old Sacramento, 558-3912.

Nelson ARTfriends Valentines Party & FinalBidding, 6-9pm, Basement Gallery Art Building, UC Davis. 752-8500.

12 SUNDAY

Celebration of Love Week

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Henrietta Reed, soprano, 3pm, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., adults $4.50.

Sacramento Symphony, Debussy "Nocturnes", Poulenc "Gloria", Gounod Soldiers' Chorus from "Faust", Saint-Saens Symphony No,. 3 "Organ Symphony", 2:30pm, CCT, 449-6940.

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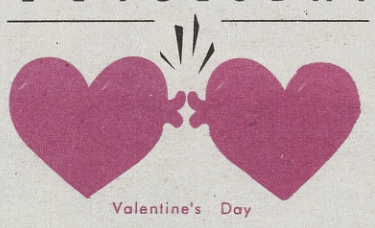
14 TUESDAY



Valentine's Day

Read to Your Child Week

AIDS Interfaith Network Meeting, 6pm, Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Ave. Potluck. 393-5367.

15 WEDNESDAY

"Just As I Am", River City MCC Service telecast, Time TBD, Ch.40, 856-1444.

16 THURSDAY

Lesbian Support Group, 6:30pm, DeWitt Center, 11512 B Ave., Ponderosa Rm, Auburn. 632-7080.

18 SATURDAY

Barbara Borden, Solo music/theaterpiece, IMA, Bodega, 8pm, $12, 707-876-3004.

Workshop: African Dance Styles of the Americas, 11am-6pm, $30-$35, CSUS, 6000 J St., Solano 1010, 448-5252.

SAF Fundraising Night, Sac Kings vs. L.A. Clippers, Arco Arena, 7:30pm. Kings supply $13 tickets for $5, SAF earns proceeds! 928-3653.

19 SUNDAY

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week

Kathe Steinbeck, flute & Renee Wilton, piano, 3pm, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., adults $4.50.

River City MCC's Cathedral of Promise "Where God does not discriminate", 9am, 11am, & 6pm, Mather AFB (Chapel #1), 856-1444.

Dare to Drum with Barbara Borden, workshop, IMA, Bodega, 12-3pm, $35, 707-876-3004.

20 MONDAY

President's Day

Pisces, the fish, squirm into Zodiac

Classical Action: A Concerted Effort Against AIDS. S.F., 415-433-3380.

21 TUESDAY

Valley Bears Night Out, to be announced.

22 WEDNESDAY

George Washington's Birthday

Valley Bears Board Meeting, open to all, 2500 Marconi #200, 7pm.

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23 THURSDAY

Lesbian Support Group, 6:30pm, DeWitt Center, 11512 B Ave., Ponderosa Rm, Auburn. 632-7080.

24 FRIDAY

Wine, Cheese & Theatre hosted by "qHS prn", social and networking organization for gay/lesbian health care professionals of Central Calif. 7pm, Sierra II Green Room, 2791 24th St. Members: $15, non-members: $20, 446-4582.

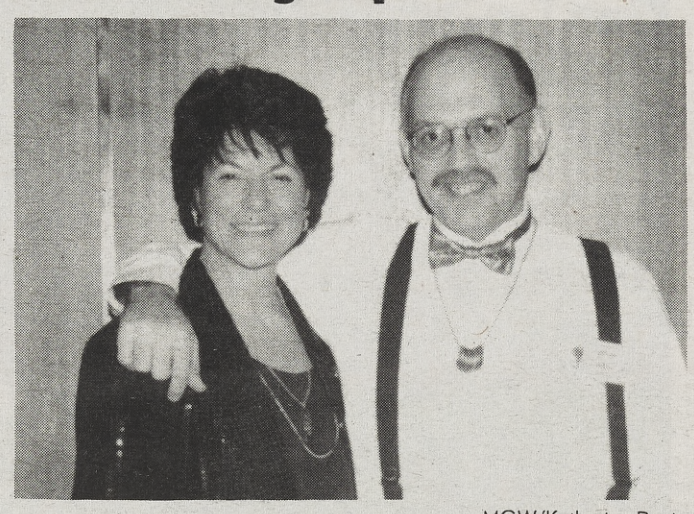
The Slammin' Babes with opening guest Coppr Wimmin, The Dance Palace, corner of 5th & B in Pt. Reyes Station, 8pm, $10, in advance through IMA. 707-876-3004.

25 SATURDAY

Midtown Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball sponsored by Gay & Lesbian Journey, 8pm, St. Francis Social Hall, 26 & K St. (inside courtyd). Music by Second Wind. Tickets: $10 advance, $15 at the door, avail. at Gifted Gardener, St. Francis Friary. Door prizes, prize for best costume. 443-8084.

Sac Valley & Foothills AIDS Interfaith Network Conference, "Reaching Out: An Interfaith Response to AIDS." St. Johns Lutheran Church, 1701 L St., 9am. $12 advance, $15 at the door. 393-5367.

New health group forms



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Sacramento's newest organization, "qHS prn" (Gay/Lesbian Health Care Professionals of Central California) had their first meeting at Capitol Plaza Hall. Co-founders Nancy Sullivan and Dan Schwartz invite all healthcare professionals.

MGW/Katharine Davis

Ken Matley and Dan Schwartz talking to Jeanine Perry and Lily Andrews about their next function on Feb 24, Friday evening. Info. 446-4582

MASTER CALENDAR

Women's Weekend, Russian River	Apr 28 - 30
CAP/PAC Annual Dinner	May 6
Wellspring Swing '95	May 20
International AIDS Candlelight Memorial	May 21
S.F. Gay Pride Festival	Jun 18
L.A. Gay Pride Weekend, 213-656-6553	Jun 24-25
California AIDS Walk	June 1-Aug 31
Sacramento Summer Ball	Aug 15
California State Fair	Aug 18 - Sep 4
Rainbow Festival Street Fair	Sep 3
Women's Weekend II, Russian /River	Sep 29 - Oct 1
MGW Newspaper's 19th Anniversary, 441-6397	November
World AIDS Awareness Day/A Day Without Art	December 1
Snow White Champagne Ball for Women, 441-6397	December

THEATRE

American Conservatory Theater, Marines Memorial Theater, 609 Sutter St, 749-2ACT.

Broadway Playhouse, *Runaways* Feb 10-25, $10, 4010 El Camino Ave., 489-6880, 483-2775.

CSUS Theatre Arts, *Green Card*, Mar 3-18; *A Midsummers Night Dream*, Mar 24 - Apr 8; *My Visits with MGM*, Apr 28 - May 14. 6000 J Street, 278-6604.

Chatauqua Playhouse, 5325 Eagle Rd, Carmichael, 489-PLAY.

Coyote Theatre Company, Reportory: *Isn't It Romantic*, and *The Time At The End Of This Time*, Fri & Sat nights thru Mar 11, Sierra II, Rm 10 main bldg. Tickets $12, Community Center Box Office, 13th & L St.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, *Steel Magnolias*, thru Mar 12. 12401 Folsom Blvd, 985-6361.

The Lambda Players, *Lisbon Traviata*, Jan 13 - 22; *Baby with the Bathwater*, Feb 10 - Mar 11; *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*, Jun 16 -25. Tickets, $10, Community Center Box Office, 13th & L Sts, $12 at the door. 442-7752.

Miracle Productions, 731-4507.

Monday Night Melodrama, *Run to the Roundhouse Nellie They Can't Corner You There & Double Dealing*, thru Feb 27, 111 K St, Old Sacramento, 442-5501.

Music Circus, *Blood Brothers*, thru Feb 5; *A Little Night Music*, Mar 28 - Apr 2; *Jelly's Last Jam*, 446-5880.

Sacramento Theatre Co, *Rumors*, thru Feb. 5, 1419 H St, 443-6722.

Short Center Repertory, STC Stage Two, 737-2709.

The Studio Theatre, *Painting Churches*, thru Feb 19; *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, Mar 2 - Apr 9; *Marvin's Room*, Apr 27 - Jun 4; *As You Like It*, Jun 15 - Aug 6. Info: 448-2668.

CALL THEATERS FOR TIMES, COSTS, ETC.

GALLERIES

American River College Art Gallery, Kim Scott, paintings and sculpture, thru Feb. 17, 4700 Colletge Oak Dr., Rm 503, 484-8399.

Archival Framing Gallery, Carol Harding and Lucy Ruth Wright Rivers, Feb. 2-25; "4 Benicians" Marilyn Bardet, Hedi Desuyo, Nanct Steele, Carol Dalton, Mar 1-April 1; Andrew Martin and Corey Okada, April 4-29; "Gone Fishin'...4" Ed Novinsky, D.L. Thomas, John Landgraf, Margaret Maye, Christopher Dewees, May 2-June 3; Terence Baxter, paintings & Craig Smith, small sculpture, June 5-July 1; "Introductions 95" July 5-30. 1729 L St, 444-9624

African-American Art Gallery, Featuring Haitian artists and Accra, Ghana West African Artists, 3449 Watt Ave, 485-4516.

Big Art, Theodor di Ricco, Metal works by Ioan Nagy, Feb. 6-Mar 3. 1928 L St, 446-2740.

Crocker Art Museum, "Modern European Prints" Thru Mar 95. 216 O St. 264-7372.

Duke's Coffee Gallery, 2416 16th St, 444-5563.

Fine Eye Gallery, Pamela Hill limited edition quilts, thru Feb 5, 71 Main St., Sutter Creek, 209-267-0571.

Matrix Gallery, Irene Belknap, Nancy McHone, Jonde Northcutt, March 8-April 1. 1725 I St. 441-4818.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, Joseph Bellacera, paintings; Carol Gold, sculptures; Kate Monson, paintings, Livia Stein, drawings. thru Feb 3. GUN SHOW: Artists' Interpretations of Guns, Alan Carrier, mixed-media Assemblage, Feb. 8-Mar 3. 1020 10th St, 448-8723.

Nelson Gallery, "New World (Dis)Order" thru Mar 10; "Artist's Valentines" thru Feb 11; Selections from the Collection, Apr 9 - Jun 15; Master of Fine Arts Exhibitions, Jun 2 - 30. UCD, 752-8500.

Phantom Gallery, "Phoenix," Feb. 11-28. 1414 Del Paso Blvd. Fri-Sun 12-4pm

Pooser Galleries, 3449 Watt Ave, 485-4516.

Quicksilver Mine Co., David E. Meeker, acrylics & copper; Carl W. Hedberg, sculpture Feb. 4-Mar 12. 14028 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. 707-869-9357.

Shanandoah Gallery, 12300 Steiner Rd, Plymouth 209-245-4455.

Solomon Dubnick Gallery, "Language of Landscape" thru Feb 3; "A Look at Love" Group Valentine's Show. Feb 8 - Mar 4; Sugar & Spice, Naughty & Nice, Feb 9-Mar 4. 2131 Northrop, 920-4547.

Weintraub Hunter Gallery, 1723 J St, 442-3360.

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